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Clothes, cars, food and more; you can find just about anything you want without leaving the comforts of your home simply by logging onto the Internet.

However, with music, the recording industry and some colleges want to make it a little more difficult.

Downloading music from the Internet seems to be the latest craze with young people between the ages of 12 to 22. And with sites like iMesh (Israeli Napster), Kazaa and Morpheus, downloading music has reached enormous numbers allowing millions of music lovers, with computer access, around the world to share music files without hav-

ing to leave their homes to buy it. It

seems harmless enough but it

also causes a lot of trouble.

Many people, especially those in the music industry, see file sharing simply as stealing the intellectual property of those who created it. There are people who do not see it as stealing nor do they see the problems file sharing can cause.

CCU's vice president of Information Technology

Services, Marvin Marozas said, "Coastal does not directly monitor peer-to-peer shar-

ing. Coastal does not block students from using peer-to-peer applications."

Within the music industry, the attitude is not as

relaxed.

Kenny Smoov,

baby. Many artists see it the same way. Stealing my work (music) is just like stealing my baby."

Both Marozas and Smoov agree that peer-to-peer applications themselves are not illegal. Smoov admitted there are people within the radio industry who need peer-to-peer applications.

"I had no music library at my previous station in Mississippi. I was able to update it through the Internet. It levels the playing field for the 'little guy' in radio," said Smoov.

However, the Recording Industry Association of America sees it differently. The RIAA represents five of the largest record labels in America. They recently filed a copyright infringement suit and subpoenaed several colleges and universities in an attempt to put an end to file sharing.

Many South Carolina colleges and universities have discouraged file sharing by slowing down-

loads.

"We (CCU) purchased Packet Shaper because Kazaa and other peer-to-peer software were causing overloads on the networks and students

programs like it limit the band width available on a computer's network which slows the download time of music files.

"The procedure is during 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Peer-to-peer applications have low priority (band width) to limit how much students can do. It will take a long time for files to download. After 11 p.m., the restriction is removed," said Marozas.

File sharing is here to stay, according to Smoov and Marozas.

"File sharing is like laying tracks across America, like the early settlers settling new frontier. We have to embrace it...once we change the normal habit of downloading, we should simultaneously offer an alternative," Smoov said.

Although the RIAA said it will continue filing suits against anyone caught file sharing, many college students will continue to push it to the limit until they get caught.

Marozas suggested that information be given to new students, freshmen and transfers, about file sharing and copying material to make them aware of the seriousness of file sharing and the affects it has on the college network and possibly them, if they continue.

## MUSIC PIRACY

By Kimberly Ryerson  
for The Chanticleer

could not use the Internet," said Marozas.

Packet Shaper and other

Program Director, WDAI 98.5 Kiss FM in Myrtle Beach said, "I have written and produced music...I mean that's my

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**Job Talk**

By Mollie Fout  
for The Chanticleer

College Hiring to Increase 12.7 Percent

According to the results of a national Job Outlook Fall Preview Survey, employers expect to hire 12.7 percent more new college graduates in 2003-2004 than they hired in 2002-2003. The survey included large corporate and government employers with established college recruitment programs.

The results were broken down in several ways and offer some clues about the best types of employers to target in your job search and a ranking of geographic areas where the most hiring will be taking place. The projected increase for hiring was in the service sector, which is no surprise, but the percentage was a healthy 22.2 percent. The big surprise is that the largest percentage of increase in hiring, geographically, is 15.3 percent projected for the Northeast.

Those CCU students from the mid-Atlantic and Northeastern part of the US who are expecting to return closer to home will have an advantage if the projections hold true. A word of caution, however; don't wait until Spring to start your employment search.

Connie Jones, the Career Placement Counselor, and I have spoken with numerous human resources offices this Fall, including Wachovia Bank, Bank of America, several federal agency representatives and larger utilities, that tell us they are recruiting NOW for positions they will be filling in May. Employers are interviewing this fall and will make offers between January and March and start employment in May.

Seniors should contact Connie Jones at 349-2677 or Mollie Fout at 349-2333 to schedule an appointment to plan a job search strategy and have a resume reviewed. Career Services will also offer a JOB SEARCH WORKSHOP on Thursday, Nov. 6 at 1:30 p.m. in Wall 118. Register for all career services via the CCU Career Services web site at [www.coastal.edu/career](http://www.coastal.edu/career) and use the MonsterTRAK console to access the system.

**CAREER SERVICES CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER**

Employer Information Sessions - Prince 122 Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Wells Fargo Financial, SLED - See website for more information

Job Search Workshop - Wall 118  
Nov. 6, 2003 1:30 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.

One-hour review of job search strategies and explanation of Career Services recruitment programs

Internship Information Session - Prince 122  
Nov. 10, 2003 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

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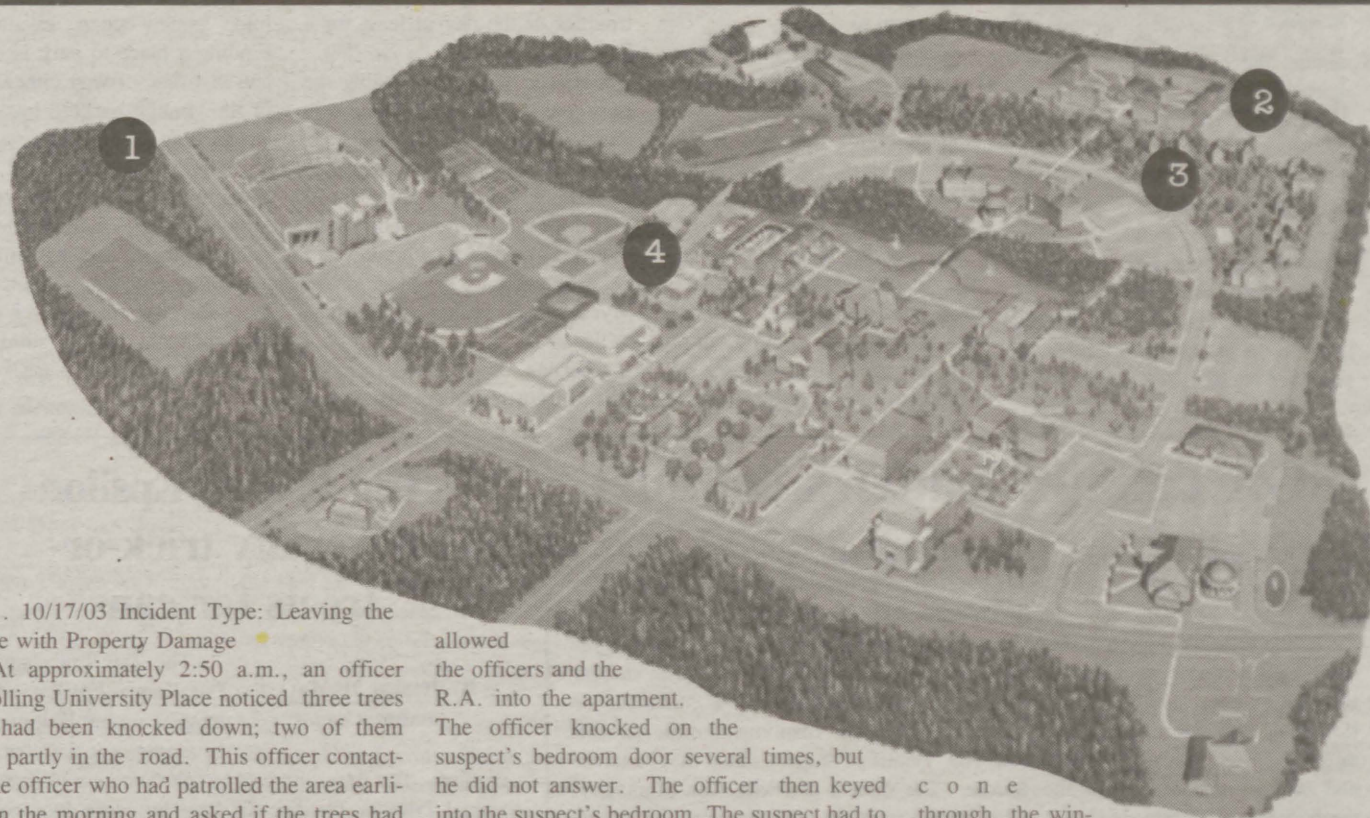
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## CRIME LOG



### 1. 10/17/03 Incident Type: Leaving the Scene with Property Damage

At approximately 2:50 a.m., an officer patrolling University Place noticed three trees that had been knocked down; two of them were partly in the road. This officer contacted the officer who had patrolled the area earlier in the morning and asked if the trees had been down at that time. The officer stated that there had been no downed trees while he patrolled. Further investigation revealed that the fence at the construction entrance near the unused security building had been struck. The path of tire tracks indicated that one vehicle hit the three trees and then ran into the fence. A resident of building 950 told the officer that he had heard the collision and saw a dark colored car drive past his building. At this time a second officer arrived at the scene and together the officers searched the parking lot for a car that may have been involved in the collision. A black Mitsubishi Eclipse was found with dirt and grass in the tires, the left front tire was flat, the windshield was damaged, the right headlight cover was damaged, the right front marker light lens was missing and the right front quarter panel was damaged. There was a small branch from an Oak tree under the windshield wiper and leaves from an Oak tree on the roof and in the grill along with some pine straw. The officer called in the license plate number to the Horry County Police dispatch, and received information on the owner. At the collision sight, the second officer found several pieces of headlight cover and a marker lens that matched the damaged and missing pieces from the vehicle. The officer was able to determine where the suspect lived, and asked that the R.A. on duty accompany him and the other officer to the suspect's room. The roommate of the suspect

allowed the officers and the R.A. into the apartment. The officer knocked on the suspect's bedroom door several times, but he did not answer. The officer then keyed into the suspect's bedroom. The suspect had to be shaken many times to get him to wake up. The officer then explained why he and the others were there. The suspect stated that he had hit the fence with his car after swerving to miss a deer. However, he insisted that he did not hit the trees and that they had been down all week. The suspect was slurring his words and having trouble following the conversation, so the officer asked how much he had had to drink. The suspect said, "I have had some to drink, not much." The officer wrote the suspect a ticket for leaving the scene of an accident with property damage. The suspect stated that he was returning to this apartment at approximately 2:30 a.m. along Residence Blvd. at about 35 M.P.H. and swerved to miss a deer that was to his left. When he swerved, he hit the fence at the construction site. The trail of tire tracks and car pieces indicated that the suspect went off the road to the left about .1 mile from the intersection with Jackson Bluff Rd., hit two trees, went around another tree, swerved back toward the road and hit a third tree, went across Residence Blvd. and hit the fence at the construction site.

### 2. 10/20/03 Incident Type: Vandalism

A Waccamaw Hall resident was sitting in his room typing a paper at 7:15 p.m. when an unknown subject(s) threw an orange traffic

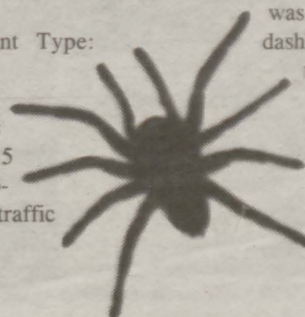
cone through the window in his room. The value of the window is approximately \$200.

### 3. 10/22/03 Incident Type: Larceny of a Tire Cover

A Palmetto Hall resident reported to police that between 7:30 p.m. Oct. 21 and 1 p.m. Oct. 22 someone unknown took the tire cover off of his Jeep Wrangler while it was parked in the parking lot outside of Palmetto and Waccamaw Halls. The complainant stated the tire cover was brown and had the word "Safari" on it. He also stated that the subject(s) tried to take his antenna but could not get it off and the antenna is now bent at the bottom.

### 4. 10/23/03 Incident Type: Breaking and Entering a Vehicle

An officer was called to the parking lot of the Humanities Bldg. where a student reported someone had broken into her vehicle. The victim stated that she parked her car in the lot, and when she returned after going to the Humanities Bldg. she found the small left rear window of her 1990 Chevy Lumina broken and her JVC CD player gone. The CD player was valued at \$250 and the damage to the dashboard and the window is approximately \$200.



Crime Log compiled from police reports and interviews by assistant editor Jessica McMurrer



## Free things to do in Myrtle Beach: *See the sea*

By **Carson Turner**  
staff writer

It is easy to forget to take a minute and enjoy where we are when we are consumed with daily life. Here we are, living at the beach—a beach that millions travel from far-and-wide to enjoy, and we cannot seem to make it more than once a month, if at all.

When was the last time you went to the beach just to go for a walk? How about a visit just to listen to the ocean's music? Have you ever been to see the sun rise

over the ocean? Granted, the sun comes up early, but it is really worth a trip to see.

Need a romantic yet inexpensive place to go with that special someone? Who doesn't? What could be more romantic than a moonlit walk on the beach? Just be sure to take a jacket; it gets cold out there at night.

The ocean seems to have a way of opening up a writer's block, too. Next time you are stuck with nothing coming out on the page, go down to the sea, sit in front of that expanse, and see

what comes to mind. It is almost like the ocean can wash away the troubles of the day—at least for a little while.

Myrtle Beach is arguably the most visited coastal destination in the Southeast and we at CCU are only a few minutes' drive away. Yet, many of us cannot seem to find the time in our too-busy lives to just take those few minutes and enjoy a big part of what makes Myrtle Beach such a great place to live.

Getting down there is easy—you can not really get lost unless

you try. Take 501 or 544 towards the east and you will run into some ocean eventually. Finding a place to park is not so bad this time of year either, most of the public parking lots along Ocean Blvd. are empty.

It is probably too cold to go swimming (although there are always those indomitable few folks out there) and it is probably too windy (and sandy) for a picnic. But, the place never closes and does not charge admission. What more could you ask?

## SGA debates leader's conduct

By **Anne-Marie D'Onofrio**  
editor-in-chief

Recently the senators of the Student Government Association have been debating the act of a leader of the organization.

While engaged in a scavenger hunt with a campus organization, the aforementioned student leader removed a hurdle from the CCU track. The student and the student's vehicle were recognized and identified by a member of Residence Life and reported to the campus police. The mentioned hurdle, as well as others, were returned to the track. The identified student stated that he never had any intention of keeping the hurdle. The student met with Kim Montague, the Director of Residence Life, to discuss the situation, and the police investigation against him was dropped. The student has received disciplinary action from the Office of Student Activities as well as from the Office of Residence Life, and has said that he will not participate in future scavenger hunt events.

At the Oct. 6 SGA meeting, this information was presented to SGA senators by the student involved in the act. Senators then voted at the Oct. 13 meeting to discuss the matter and any possible effects it has upon the SGA, as well as any possible action that may be taken. After the discussion, senators voted to adjourn the meeting and to go through the procedures to once again discuss the matter at the Oct. 20 meeting. At the Oct. 20 meeting, a motion was made to reopen New Business with the intent to have further discussion about the incident and about any possible actions to be taken. The majority voted against the motion, and no further discussion took place.

Appointees for an SGA Judicial Board have been voted on and accepted by the SGA and the board will be established at some time in the near future. The Judicial Board consists of five student members appointed by Taurean Davis, SGA President, as well as three full-time permanent faculty members and one full-time administrative staff member appointed by the President of the University. The Judicial Board has the power to rule on appropriate questions relating to several topics, including the Code of Conduct and shall assign sanction or remedies as deemed appropriate.

At this time, no action from the SGA has been taken against the student.

## Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity trick-or-treats for cans

By **Jessica McMurrer**  
assistant editor

The Tau Tau chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon will be dressing up on Halloween to do some special trick-or-

treating. The fraternity will be participating in its second annual Trick-or-Treating for Cans by going door to door in local neighborhoods including Quail Creek, Myrtle Beach National and Myrtle Trace and collecting cans that will be given to a local food bank. Last year the philanthropy event collected over 400 hundred cans, and the members hope that this year's event will be just as successful if not more so.

TKE President Justin Vining said, "It's a fun event that involves wearing costumes, but serving a good cause at the same time. We get a chance to get out in the community and be seen doing good things."



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Chirinev Peterson, Economics instructor at Greenville Tech

## Performing Arts Calendar

•Nov 3-7, **Mentoring Artists Exhibition** – Rebecca Randall Bryan Art Gallery, Free

•Wednesday, Nov 5, **Pizza Days**, Edwards Courtyard at Noon. \$1 pizza and a drink. Free entertainment.

•Wednesday, Nov. 5, **Comedian Alonzo Bodden**. 7 p.m. Wheelright Auditorium, Free

•Thursday, Nov 6 – 9, **Hamlet**. Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday 2 p.m., Sunday 3 p.m., Wheelright Auditorium. Free with CCU ID, \$10 general admission

•Tuesday, Nov. 11, **David Bankston and Friends** (with Steve Bailey and Kurry Seymour). 7:30 p.m. Wheelright Auditorium, Free

•Wednesday, Nov 12, **Piscataway Indian Nation singers and dancers**. 7 p.m. Wheelright Auditorium, Free

•Thursday, Nov. 13, **CCU Saxophone Ensemble**. 7:30 p.m. Edwards Recital Hall, Free

•Saturday, Nov. 15, **Bluegrass Concert**. 3 p.m. Wall Auditorium, \$6

•Sunday, Nov. 16, **Violin Master Class with Ning Kam**. 9:30 a.m. Edwards Recital Hall, Free

•Nov. 17-18, **Auditions for City of Angels**. Contact Greg London x2505

•Tuesday, Nov. 18, **Heather Hammond in Recital**. 6:30 p.m. Edwards Recital Hall, Free

•Thursday, Nov. 20, **Spirit of the Chanticleer Marching Band Season Finale Concert**. 7:30 p.m. Wheelright Auditorium, Free

•Saturday, Nov. 22, **The Commodores, US Navy Jazz Band**. 7:30 p.m. Wheelright Auditorium, Free



## Students, faculty enjoy Coastal's first Fall Break

By Nicole Romeo  
for The Chanticleer

Oct.  
17, 2003  
was a day

that will remain a part of CCU history—Coastal's first ever fall break. In past years students began the fall session in late August and did not enjoy any type of break until Thanksgiving. That meant that Coastal students from out of state generally did not see their families and friends for upwards of three months. Students and faculty that participated in summer sessions essentially went from July to November with few days off in between. And with midterms falling sometime in October, students and faculty were burned out long before that third week in November. Last year the Calendar Committee, part of the Faculty Senate, but including student representatives, decided that a Wednesday start in August, instead of the usual Thursday, would allow for a long weekend in October. By starting the fall semester a day early, we would keep both the

Thanksgiving and winter breaks long but also allow for that much needed break in October.

Student and teacher reactions differed in response to the break. Some students felt one day was not long enough to go home or really enjoy.

Adam Jones, senior, said that although it was only one day, "One day is better than none."

He did say, however, that he would prefer to start the fall semester two days earlier in August if that would add another day to fall break.

Some students did not really reap the benefit from our first fall Friday off.

"I don't have classes on Friday so it didn't effect me," said Will Moody, senior.

Taurean Davis, SGA President, also carries a Friday free schedule but said, "I was glad to see that students were able to go home and see their families."

CCU women's basketball player, Lucia Popovici, junior, enjoyed

the day off but said, "I had basketball practice all weekend so I didn't get to go anywhere."

Other students took advantage of their day off and turned it into a long weekend and a mini vacation.

"I took a road trip with my roommate, Marc Mayhart, and my friend, Matt Taylor," said John David Earle, senior. The three drove to Delaware for the weekend and Earle had his first Philly Cheesesteak and "the best pizza I've ever had."

Freshman Jim Finlan will never know what it was like to attend class from August to November without enjoying a long weekend. He innocently remarked, "It was the best fall break I've ever had."

Some wondered if the Friday off would cause poor attendance of Thursday or Monday classes as a result of students choosing to extend their own fall break by a day or two more. Professor Teresa Burns, who teaches physics said she didn't notice a decrease in attendance at all.

"I really enjoyed the break; going from August to November without a breather was just too long," she said. "This weekend was both something to look forward to and a chance to catch up."

Dr. Lee Bollinger, head of the journalism department, remarked that fall break "whizzed by and I didn't notice it." She also remarked, in agreement with Burns, that it did not seem to have an effect on attendance regarding either her Thursday or Monday classes.

By now, fall break has come and gone and the verdict is in—whether or not you took advantage of it as a time to relax and prepare, or you just partied a little longer on Thursday and slept a little later on Friday, this is one tradition that students and faculty hope will continue year after year.

## Campus Briefs

### The President's Suite

After months of renovation, the President's Suite has returned to the Singleton Building along with the Vice President for Student Affairs:

Those located in the President's Suite are:

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### Distinguished Teacher-Scholar Lecture Series

"Why We Should All Be Waccamaw Waterwatchers" presented by Susan M. Libes, Professor of Marine Science and Chemistry

Thursday, Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m. in the Wall Auditorium

The lecture is free and open to the public with a reception following the lecture.

### Bark Beetles invade pine trees on campus

Several mature pine trees on campus were found to be invaded by Bark Beetles and will be removed during Thanksgiving Break. A tree that was killed by a lightning strike will also be removed. However, new trees will be planted in place of those that are being removed.

## Veteran professors seek pay raise

By Wendi Caraballo  
for The Chanticleer

Veteran professors at Coastal are striking back at the ever-present problem of being underpaid. Recently, a panel of staff members met for the first time to discuss this problem. The meeting was held under the organization called the AAUP, which is similar to a union for faculty. The AAUP organization surfaced when faculty member that have been at Coastal for a number of years were not seeing a pay raise. Throughout the country, starting professors make the same salary due to a national salary regulation for new teachers.

The AAUP forum brought together a group of faculty from various departments. AAUP President Jim Henderson welcomed the group as moderator of the meeting. The first person to speak was University President Ron Ingle. He expressed that the administration recognizes the problem of underpaid faculty, but that at this point during the year, there is not any money in the budget for a pay raise. Ingle is trying to work it in the budget, but is waiting until tuition money is in for the spring semester. Many faculty wonder why merit increases are not instilled instead of a flat increase of pay.

"I don't want to give an across-the-board pay raise to just faculty," said Ingle. "I want to include everyone that works at the University."

Dave Evans, assistant professor of chemistry and physics, and Richard Collin, professor of politics and geography, were next to speak on behalf of the faculty. They came with prepared speeches and both had strong feelings about the issue of being underpaid.

Collin described how spendable incomes went down five percent due to an increase in health insurance. He questioned why the administration has not confronted this health care problem. The cost of the football team was also a heated topic during this discussion. Collin wondered how the

administration found the money for the football team but not for a pay raise.

"Coastal has started a football team," said Collin. "It's time that [administration] put a down payment on excellence."

Provost Peter Barr explained that administration is not totally ignorant of this problem and is evaluating the budget to fix the dilemma. Barr said that faculty had been recently given a two percent raise, and for this, the president took a lot of heat in the General Assembly.

Finance director Sally Horn explained the health care situation, stating that health care rise is a state-wide issue, and that there is not anything that the University can do. Horn described, through the use of her many charts and graphs, that enrollment money is needed before a raise can be established.

Mark Kelly is a member of the General Assembly in Colombia, which is in charge of finances and legislature for South Carolina. He expressed how Coastal and the College of Charleston are overlooked. State funding for schools is given to state universities and grades K-12.

"Higher education takes cutbacks because of K-12 and Medicaid," said Kelly.

A starting instructor at a university makes \$22,000, while technical college and K-12 faculty are starting at \$30,000.

SGA President Taurean Davis was also at the forum. He thought the meeting was a success for both sides because they were able to formally hear opinions from each panel.

"More things need to be looked at financially to move away from Coastal being so dependant on tuition," said Davis. "This could benefit a decrease in student tuition. This may be achieved if students and faculty come together in a discussion."



## THE CELEBRATION OF INQUIRY DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING

By Amanda Silva  
for The Chanticleer

Here is just a friendly reminder that the deadline to submit a proposal to speak at the Celebration of Inquiry is just around the corner. The deadline is Monday, Nov. 3.

We really want as many people as possible to participate in this wonderful event. If you are in a club or organization and your group has a presentation idea, send it in. If you had to do research and a presentation in a class of yours and you feel that it fits the topic of "Seeing the World Anew," submit a proposal. This is a great opportunity to help teach the school and the community about something new.

We are still also looking for volunteers to help out with the conference; 200 people are needed as moderators and volunteers. If you are interested please contact Ms. Pat Singleton-Young at 349-2304. The website for submitting proposals and for getting forms is [www.coastal.edu/inquiry](http://www.coastal.edu/inquiry). Please make this conference a great one and participate.

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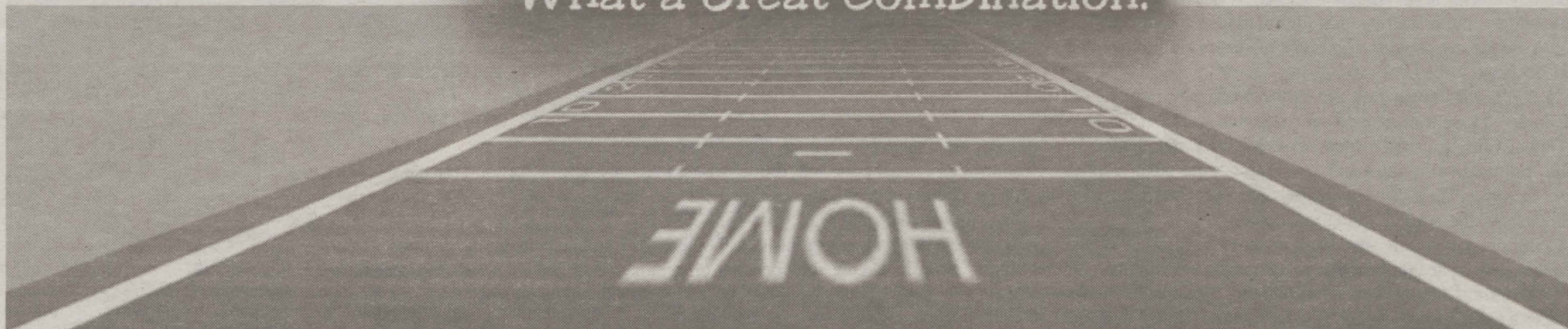


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In the Oct. 16 issue of *The Chanticleer*, the article "Men's golf team learns from defeat" was credited to David Wetzel, staff writer. The article was written by Emerson H. Dyer, sports editor.

## DINNER AND A MOVIE

By Randy Engstrom  
staff writer

Being that it is around Halloween, I figured that it would be a splendid idea to incorporate that into this Dinner and a Movie article. There is nothing better than getting a good scare. I tend not to scare easily, but "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" did a pretty good job. This movie is not for the queasy. This is actually based on a true story, which in turn really makes you feel for the people in the movie. Let me start you off with the background of this film.

The story takes place in the '70s; a time of peace, love and rock n' roll. Well, this story has very little to do with that. It deals more with cruelty, violence and just plain insanity. The criminal was Thomas Hewitt, a former slaughterhouse employee who investigators found out brutally murdered 33 people. These were not the typical shootings or stabbings everyone was used to.

These murders were as gruesome as they come. The police found bodies sliced, diced and skinned. Hewitt would skin these poor innocent people and actually wear their skin around. He would wear these masks from his victims and parade around with a chainsaw at his side to await his next victim. This murderer's nickname became "Leatherface" because of his sick and twisted routine.

Supposedly, the police finally found him and gunned him down, but many individuals closely involved in this case say the investigation was botched and the police killed the wrong man. This is a scary thought, knowing there is a crazed killer who could still be on the loose. All I know is that I will be sure to lock my doors from now on, along with that I may be packing some heat.

Now that all that is out there, I would like to recommend watching this movie, especially around this time of year. This movie stars Jessica Beil, Jonathon Tucker and Eric Balfour. This movie rose above and beyond my expectations. Scary movies always tend to be cheesy in my opinion. Although this movie did have a few moments in it when you just sit back and think "What the hell are these people thinking, get outta there!", the majority of it was well played out.

"The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" gets the job done in the scary department. If the idea of being chased around in the dark, through the woods and other unknown areas, by a man wearing someone else's face and carrying a running chainsaw does not frighten you the least bit, then I do not know what will. Not only is Leatherface scary, but the rest of the town folk will give you the willies, too. In fact, some of those town folk may scare you even more. For example, the local

sheriff played by R. Lee Ermey who I am sure you all remember from his role playing the tough drill sergeant in the movie *Full Metal Jacket*, is quite the character.

When you go see this movie, please be sure not to go alone. You will definitely need someone to grab a hold of while watching this flick. While choosing your movie date, be sure they are not of the squeamish nature, due to the harshness of brutality and gore shown throughout the movie.

Hopefully you will go and embrace this movie for what it is: a horror flick. It is great because it leaves you in shock of what all these kids went through; then once the movie is over there is plenty to talk about. Oh and fellas, if you are trying to get up close and personal with your lady friends, this is the movie for it; I guarantee your women will not drop your arm throughout the movie. Not only that, but she will want you to walk her back to her room and check the place out to be sure everything is safe for her.

But wait, what is better than going out to an all you can eat dinner buffet after a gruesome, gory film? Nothing. That is why I went to the Golden Corral.

This restaurant was chosen due to the fact it had a Texas theme to it. There is plenty of food, decent service and a gosh darn swell atmosphere. They have everything you could possibly want to eat at the Golden Corral. There is something for everyone, ranging from steak to salad and everything in between.

Although they do not have a Coastal Carolina discount, they do have coupons that are given out randomly on the receipt of every person who orders the buffet.

Once in the restaurant, you will feel the down home atmosphere.

There are many Texas style decorations placed throughout the restaurant. Another great thing about the Golden Corral is the service. The waitress who was in charge of my section could do no wrong. She was on top of everything. She would bring more rolls, napkins, plates and fill my drink whenever it ran low. All these are important factors in making your dining experience a great one. The food here was surprisingly fresh and delicious. Most all you can eat restaurants have left over crusty food on their buffets, but not here. Although they ran out of a few food items, those trays were quickly refilled with fresh food products.

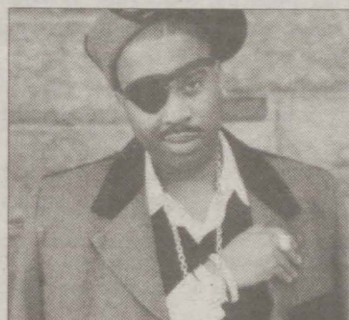
So this Halloween season, if you are looking for a good scare and great fun, take in a viewing of "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre." Afterwards, to settle your nerves and fill your stomach, hit up the Golden Corral for an all you can eat smorgasbord and enjoy.

# Chainsaws and Corrals



## NOT SO SLICK RICK

"Famous" '80s rapper Ricky "Slick Rick" Walters is still waiting to know where he is to call home, other than his Florida jail cell: England or the Bronx? Walters has been in jail for 17 months while his fate is to be decided. The INS wants to deport "Slick Rick" because he is in violation of a law that calls for the exile of foreigners convicted of "aggravated felonies." The rapper did five years of jail time in 1991 for the attempted murder of his cousin. If the government does not hurry up and decide what they are going to do with Walters, his prison stay will be longer than his career.



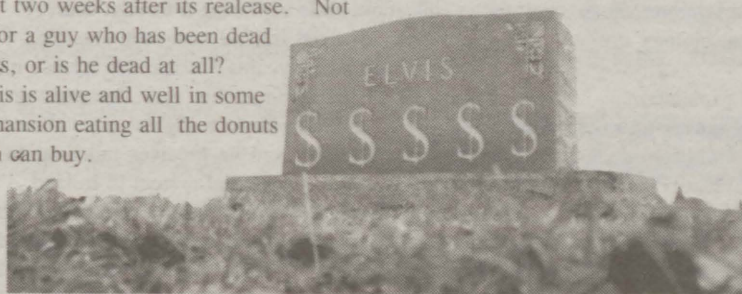
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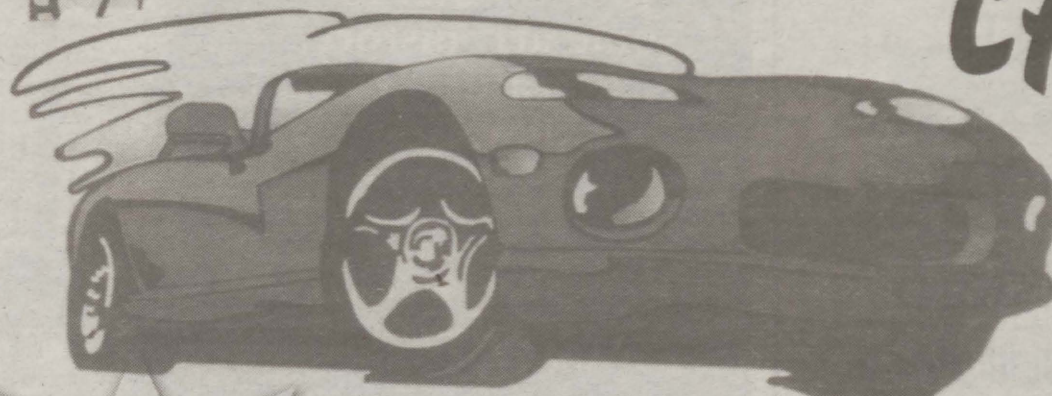
Forbes.com named Elvis Presley as the top-earning deceased celebrity for the third year in a row. At the end of September, 2003, The King had earned \$40 million. Presley's "30 #1 hits" CD has sold nine million copies since being released in 2002, and his latest release "Elvis: 2nd to None" is in the top 10 on Billboard's album chart two weeks after its release. Not bad at all for a guy who has been dead for 26 years, or is he dead at all? Maybe Elvis is alive and well in some unknown mansion eating all the donuts \$40 million can buy.



## FOX SHOWS SOME "SKIN"

FOX television has a new show that from the title seems to be about one thing, Skin. The show is based on two teenagers in a hot and heavy forbidden love because their parents are rivals. One of the fathers is a famous porn distributor and the other is the district attorney hoping to gain re-election by getting rid of the smut and its baron. As intriguing and scandalous as the plot line sounds, it has already been done. It was originally titled "Romeo and Juliet," it was written hundreds of years ago, and anyone who has had a British literature class can figure out how the series finale of Skin will go.

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## International flair: Foreign students take advantage of studying at CCU

By Lucia Popovici  
for *The Chanticleer*

There are over 6,000 students attending Coastal this year; international students number 250. The international students are from foreign countries that come to America to get an education; others come to further their athletic abilities, and still others to see the world. Some of the international students attend Coastal Carolina University for only a semester while others to receive a four-year degree. Most of these students look and act the same as Americans; the only difference is their accents.

From an international student's point of view there are some major differences that they must adapt to in order to fit into the American culture. This is not because they are forced to but because part of being a foreigner is to be open-minded and able to change and understand the culture and environment of that specific country.

Sue Fleming, 19, an exchange student from England, is a biology major attending CCU for only the fall semester. She chose to come to Coastal because of the great biology program.

"It is one of the best in the country," she explained.

One of the differences she finds is that the university she attends in England focuses on social activities while Coastal focuses more on schoolwork. Another difference Fleming notes is that she finds it very awkward not to be able to walk everywhere.

"Everyone here has a car, and I don't, so it is really hard to just go out," said Fleming.

Aspects of Coastal that she enjoys are her science labs and the fact that her classes are small, but the exams are different.

"I am used to writing essays and here it is multiple choice, I am just used to a different type of testing," she said.

She does like the weather, the beach and the college experience in America.

Fleming finds that in general; the majority of the students at Coastal are more focused on material objects and appearances.

"Everything is about looks and everyone has really nice cars," she said. "I feel like everything is based around their cars and what they wear."

She mostly misses her family, her friends, being in England and the food; she thinks the food in America is fattening. She believes that the American experience is a great opportunity for her and that it gives her a chance to travel and get an education while exploring a foreign country.

Eoghan Byrt, 26, from Ireland, has been attending CCU for the last two and a half years. A computer science major looking forward to graduating this year, he came to the United States with ambition to get a higher education. Byrt came to America because here he receives more credit for his studies than with the educational system in Ireland.

One of the differences between Ireland and United States Byrt claimed is the weather, since in Ireland it rains 250 days of the year while in South Carolina it is often humid and hot.

He explained that he thinks that people all over the world

are the same, but there are cultural differences. He had to alter the way he spoke so that people could understand him, and he is still working on that. Even though he is from Ireland and his first language is English he has his own style of speaking and realizes that there is still a language barrier. However, Byrt does not want to lose his style of English completely.

"There are a lot of people it just seems to take a little more work to find that little bit of depth of life," said Byrt about the challenge of meeting people.

"I see a difference with the surface level interaction. People in Ireland seem to be more interested in reality and the real person than the image and the clothes," he stated.

However, the school system here suits him better. The openness of the educational system helps him as a student and he likes the fact that there are tests throughout the semester and assignments along the way. This is very different from his home country where his capability as a student was evaluated by an exam at the end of the year.

After graduating this year, Byrt plans to stay and work in the US for a year or possibly two years to establish himself in terms of his degree. The time spent working in America will give him work experience behind his American degree, should he decide to return to Ireland or go to another foreign country.

He has found that attending CCU has been a great opportunity for him in the fact that he has had the chance to further his education and experience a different

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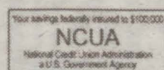
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Pat Bennett, the International Education Coordinator, and Geoffrey Parsons, the Director of the International Program, help to make sure that all the paper work is done correctly for the international students and that they experience an easy adjustment. Bennett works with the office of International Programs staff and others in the development and provision of services for international students and students preparing for international educational experiences. She assists with the administrative and legal aspects of international study and admission and specializes in immigration regulations for international students.

Parsons is also the organizer of the Study Abroad Program. There are 20 programs that students from CCU can choose from if they want to study in a foreign country.

Both Bennett and Parsons help foreign students adjust to the American culture so that they may feel as comfortable as possible while attending Coastal. They believe that American students are open-minded and are willing to learn from the international students.

"It helps broaden the education of American students," said Bennett.

Most international students come here with the intention to get a higher education and take their knowledge back to their country.

"Students in the US from birth have more freedom to do things. Foreign students do not take things for granted because most of the countries they come from are not up to date with the educational system. It is a lot harder to get a higher education in some countries," explained Bennett.

International students generate an interest in students at CCU, and they become interested in that specific country.

"Learning about different countries makes students want to go study abroad. It makes them more of a rounded person," stated Parsons.

Most international students believe that travel is education itself. They are tuned in to cultural differences as well language and political differences.

## Surf's up: Winter waves

By Dan Katawczik  
staff writer

While all the vacationers head back to school and to their homes, locals and students hit the beach. The water may be getting colder, but that is nothing that cannot be fixed with a wet suit. Empty beaches, calmer waters and bigger sets are what surfers have been waiting for.

With the hurricane season in full force, waves are at their best. What exactly is a good wave? The best and biggest waves are products of intense, distant storms that generate heavy winds. At first these winds cause water to displace in a rippling effect. Blowing a powerful fan on a tub of water creates a similar effect. Winds that blow continuously for many days create many waves that eventually slam into one another and create what is known as "chop." With enough energy, these waves can accumulate and develop a large swell that travels faster and farther than smaller waves, away from the storm itself, and eventually makes it all the way to distant shores. A large, long swell is the driving force behind a large, sweet wave, built up by winds pushing several waves together. It is like a power surge of water-the wave true surfers dream about.

However, here in Myrtle Beach, waves usually are not so large. They may reach head high, but only when a storm is near the coast. Other than that a good wave is around waist high and has a clean break down the coast on

top of glassy looking waters. Most of the time, the water is rough and filled with lots of mushy chop. For you enthusiasts, try traveling during our upcoming breaks. A short trip down to Folly Beach in Charleston may be rewarding. But the waters of the Outer Banks, N.C. are a great ride if you can manage the five hour car trip. Another closer spot is Wilmington, N.C. However, in Wilmington, you may find yourself fighting to catch a wave since the area is one of the more popular surf spots.

I asked a local surfer what he thinks, and he told me "When it comes to surfing in Myrtle Beach, fall season is my favorite time to go surfing. Mainly because the best surf comes around September, October and November. However, the good thing about the summer is that the water is around 80 degrees and you get to wear board shorts; in the colder months you bundle up with gloves and wet suits or dry suits because the water gets down to about 45 degrees. But I still prefer the winter surf."

Currently water temperatures are now nearing the mid 60s, and it is a good idea to wear a wet suit. They can be found at any of the local surf shops for under \$150. It will extend your surfing way into the winter months and allow you to improve your skills while the occasional summer surfer watches movies and reads magazines.

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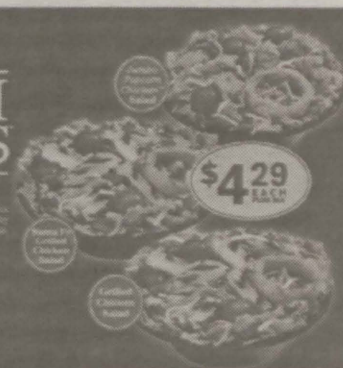
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## What to know about STDs

By Ashley Batliner  
Squawk! editor

What is an STD? Everyone has heard of the many different types of STDs and how they are contracted, but are we aware of how serious STDs can be for college students? Although both men and women are affected by STDs, the consequences for women are much more serious and long term, especially if left untreated.

One of the biggest problems with STDs is that they often have no symptoms until they are in their late stages. This is especially harmful to women since many untreated STDs lead to infertility. Another on-going problem is that since people are unaware that they have an STD they will continue to spread it to others without even knowing. According to Advocates For Youth, South Carolina is ranked 46 out of 50 for chlamydia and 48 out of 50 for gonorrhea, with 1 being best and 50 being the worst. There are over 30 different types of sexually transmitted diseases, but there are four that are more common among college students.

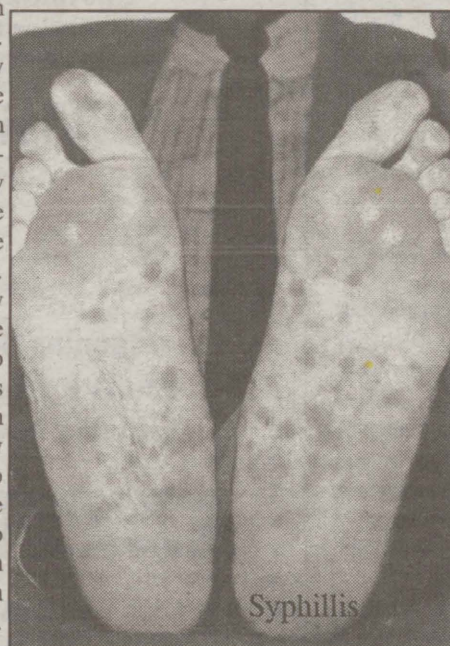
1. Syphilis: This disease is caused by bacteria and is transferred through vaginal, anal and oral sex. Symptoms are sores that occur mainly on the genitals, vagina, anus, rectum and sometimes even the mouth and lips. Thirty percent of pregnant

disease. The primary stage, which is from the time of infection to the start of the first symptom, is usually an average of 21 days. This stage is usually noticeable by a single sore that is often small, hard and painless. The secondary stage starts when one or more areas of the skin break into a rash. The rashes commonly do not itch and can be so faint that they go unnoticed. At this stage the disease can easily be sexually passed from person to person. The late stage, which is also known as the hidden stage, begins when symptoms disappear. Although the symptoms have vanished, the disease stays in your body and starts to damage your internal organs. This damage can be serious enough to cause death.

Syphilis can be diagnosed by examining material from an infectious sore, or by a blood test. In 2002 over 7,000 cases of Syphilis were reported in the United States. Syphilis can be treated with an antibiotic such as penicillin.

2. Chlamydia: This is the

terium that inflames the vagina, urethra and reproductive organs. If it is left untreated in women it



can cause Pelvic Inflammatory Disease. Chlamydia can be passed through vaginal, anal and oral sex.

For women, symptoms include vaginal discharge, redness and urinary irritation. It is also more common in the women that use oral contraceptives. For men, symptoms include a watery discharge from the penis, a burning itching sensation around the urethra, often felt during or immediately after sex, and redness at the top of the penis. Chlamydia can be diagnosed by a cell culture and treated with an antibiotic.

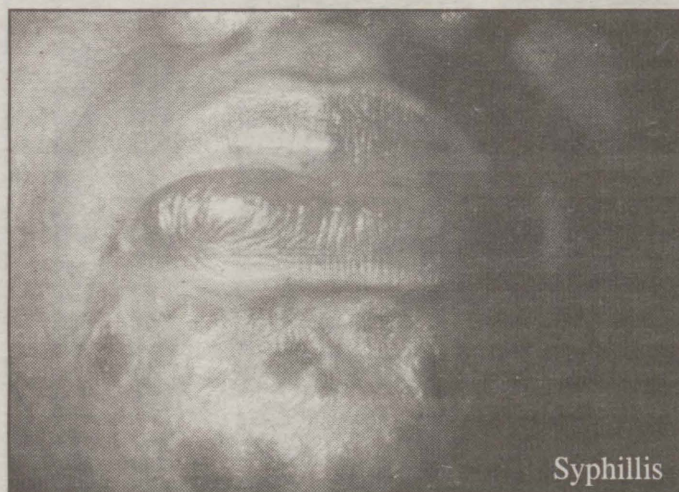
3. Gonorrhea: This disease is also caused by bacteria and is most common in those ages 15-30. It is also transferred by vaginal, anal and oral sex. Symptoms occur within two days to three weeks after exposure. In men, the symptoms include mild to severe discomfort in either the penis or rectum from which they may also have a thick yellow discharge. Also redness and irritation at the opening of the penis can then spread to the testicles or prostate and cause abdominal pain.

In women, many of the same symptoms can occur but the medical complications if left

untreated are far worse. They include blindness, scarring of the fallopian tubes, infertility, pelvic pain and chronic miscarriages. Gonorrhea is becoming a larger problem in the US because in 50 percent of the patients that have the disease, other sexually transmitted diseases are also present. This disease can be treated with antibiotics.

4. Herpes Simplex: Unlike the previous STDs, Herpes is a viral infection which means there is no cure. There are six different types of Herpes but the most common are known as Type I and Type II. Type I includes cold sores and fever blisters. Type two can exist in the skin, lying dormant without the infected person even realizing they are infected, although they still have the ability to transfer it to others. Type I symptoms include a low grade fever, itching or burning, headache and difficulty eating. Type II symptoms include fever, painful genital ulcers, burning before lesions appear and other flu-like symptoms. Herpes can be diagnosed by a blood test and treated with an anti-viral medication. The disease can be transferred from a mother to her baby if there is a breakout at the time of delivery.

STDs are a very real and serious problem and are more common than anyone wants to admit. Although we all try to pretend that it will never happen to us, it is a very naïve belief to think you are safe from all STDs unless you are abstinent. If you are sexually active, it is important to always use protection, such as condoms, and to also keep the number of partners to a minimum. If any of these symptoms are present or you are worried that you may be infected, it is important to get tested. There are several places in the area that provide confidential testing. The Horry County Health Department in Conway provides free testing Monday through Friday from 8:30-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. No appointment is necessary, but there is often a wait.



women with the disease will have still born babies, premature babies or babies infected with the disease.

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# Halloween

Still looking for a way to spend your Halloween night? You are probably a little too old to go trick-or-treating, and scaring all of the neighborhood kids and stealing their candy is not very nice. So do yourself a favor and take a look at The Chanticleer's top ten list of what to do on Halloween. We are aware that there are many great ways to spend your haunted night, but these are a few of our favorites.

**1** Go to the Homecoming pep rally at the Atheneum at 5:30 p.m. Get your spirits high and enjoy some free food and music.

**2** The list of Halloween movies, or just plain scary movies is nearly endless. Stop by the video store and pick up a few. Get some munchies and some friends and you have a scarefest waiting to happen. A few good ones might include The Crow, any Hitchcock

movie or The Exorcist.

**3** There was nothing that prepared you better as a child for this sugar filled holiday than the classic Halloween cartoons. Our favorite? "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown." This classic brings it all the way back to 1966 when good ol' Chuck and the gang waited in the pumpkin patch for the arrival of the Great Pumpkin. Now that we are a little older, The Simpsons also provide

some great animated Halloween entertainment. Be sure to catch the latest of The Simpsons Halloween specials on Nov. 2 on Fox.

**4** Carving pumpkins. Now this can get pretty creative. There are some very interesting ideas out there, but the old triangle eye and jagged teeth face works too. The fun is that you can do whatever you want. And who doesn't like scooping out all of the slimy pumpkin guts? After

you have taken out all of the seeds, rinse them off, spread them on a cookie sheet, sprinkle with salt and then bake them in the oven until they get crispy. Then when you are finished with your pumpkin massacre you have a tasty treat.

**5** They are creepy, they are thrilling, and there are plenty to choose from in the area. What are they? Haunted houses. For more information about some of

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## Haunted Reviews:

By Jessica McMurrer  
assistant editor

A jerky ride on a freight elevator is the first of many thrills waiting to make you scream at the Ripley's Haunted Adventure on Ocean Blvd. in Myrtle Beach. Other shriek inducing features include a botched operation, creepy skeletons and corpses, random voices and shots of air that come at you from all directions. When planning your outing to the Haunted Adventure, gather a group of friends, wear a shirt that you do not mind the shoulder getting stretched some and wear walking or running shoes. It is a good idea to go with people you know because once you exit the freight elevator the

group must form a line and each person grabs onto the shoulder of the person in front of them. If you end up pinching the shoulder of the person in front of you out of fear, which is possible, it is best if it is not a stranger. And since someone will be holding onto your shirt and shoulder for dear life, a t-shirt and not an expensive silk top is recommended. Comfortable shoes are the best for such an adventure because the entire haunting involves walking and at times you will be encouraged to move

faster, especially when the guy with the working chainsaw is at your heels.

The Haunted Adventure is a 20 to 25 minute walk through partial to complete darkness. Along the walk, the rooms and parts of the hallway are decorated with different themes to frighten all. At one point, the walk leads to a completely dark room that appears to have nothing in it. There are however, voices all around, and their origin can not be determined because of the darkness. Then, thankfully, the line leader will find the exit, and you will believe the terror is over. But

once you get in the elevator and the door closes, you will read, in blood, that "it's not over yet." Finally, the light of the street is visible and not a moment too soon for some. Ripley's Haunted Adventure

offers a fright for all levels of "scarability." If you are still afraid of the things that go bump in the night and sleep with a night light, you will be in a state of panic the entire time you are inside. And if you have nerves of steel, you may not get scared or even scream once, but you will enjoy the things that are making the person clutching your shoulder scream bloody murder.

By Aaron Milz  
staff writer

Break neck off-roading and screaming chainsaws. No, this is not your favorite redneck hangout; it is what is going on at Dr. Scream's Haunted Forest on Burcale Road, in Forestbrook. After paying your seven dollars you are ushered into a waiting room where you are warned

leave if you have any heart problems. The reason for this caution is soon after you are strapped into an golf cart by an "escaped convict." You are then plunged into about utes' worth of jolts and scares.

### Dr. Scream's Haunted Forest



escape the woods with you woman whom the escapee is trying to murder. The ride is a radio broadcast situation and the hunt for the convict. The trail concludes with a surprise ending that is designed to produce a fright and a scream.

The ride was scary and creepy, and the characters were convincing. Despite the price might be the only thing keeping people away from the trail.



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**6** Nothing goes along with  
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fire. And no bon fire is  
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thrilling and chilling ghost sto-  
ries. Since the nights are get-  
ting chilly, bring along some  
hot chocolate or cider, and  
don't forget the marshmallows,  
chocolate and graham crackers  
for s'mores. Also a good  
opportunity to cuddle up with  
that sweet someone. So get

the goods, tell the stories and  
have yourself a good scare.

**7** What is Halloween with-  
out a costume party? And  
why not be the one to  
make it happen? Break out  
those Halloween decorations  
and tell all of your friends to  
be there, but only if they  
replace their face with that of a  
crazy character. Then, let the  
wild night begin.

**8** Costumes. Halloween is

all about the costumes. Of  
course, fun comes of the cos-  
tumes, but why not try to make  
a little cash from it too? On  
Halloween night there will be a  
costume contest at Broadway at  
the Beach. It begins at 10  
p.m. and prize money totals  
\$6500. There is also free  
admission into any of the clubs,  
dressed in costume of course.  
The fun doesn't end after the  
judging-if you don't want to  
stick around, hit up a costume  
party. There is just no limit.

**9** Halloween. The word  
just can't be said enough.  
Celebrate it with a cult  
classic-The Rocky Horror  
Picture Show. And where  
might you do this? The House  
of Blues is having a midnight  
showing for only \$5. So get  
your goth on, throw some fruit  
and do the Time Warp.

**10** Alice Flagg, Boo  
Hags, the Gray Man.  
Who are they and  
what do they have to do with  
Halloween? They are some of

the many ghosts that haunt  
Horry and Georgetown  
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Halloween, pick up some  
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**By Carson Turner**  
staff writer

There are plenty  
white marble memo-  
rials in the little  
cemetery surrounded by moss-covered oak trees in  
Pawleys Island. Some small and others large; some suf-  
fering the effects of two-hundred years and yet, others  
looking as though they were just placed yesterday.  
Some are fenced in wrought iron, others are outlined by  
a brick wall; the one we were looking for was encircled  
by worn ground. A path worn by countless visitors who  
come to see whether they, too can catch a glimpse of the  
spirit. All Saints cemetery was a  
truly spooky place at midnight  
when we found the flat marble  
memorial to the life of Alice Flagg.  
According to the legends, Alice  
lived at Hermitage Plantation with  
her brother Dr. Allard Belin Flagg. Dr. Flagg was quite protective of his  
sixteen-year-old sister. Various told, she was engaged to a lumberman or  
a salesman-either being "beneath her station" and therefore hid the engage-  
ment and her ring from her brother, wearing her engagement ring upon a  
string around her neck.

As the tale goes, Alice became deathly ill and while she lay at home dying,  
her brother found the ring around her neck. In a fit of rage, he took it and  
hid it from her. Some tellings share that he threw the ring from the win-  
dow of their home. In her last days, it is said that all she asked for was the  
return of her ring-it was never returned to her. By some versions, Allard  
didn't find the ring until after her death and then refused to let her be buried  
with it.



## The Grave of Alice Flagg

One-hundred years of  
local legend has it that the  
ghostly spirit of Alice  
returns to look for her  
ring and that visitors to  
both the plantation and  
the cemetery have seen  
her there. We can hon-  
estly say, that during our  
midnight visit to her final  
resting place, we heard  
and saw no ghosts. We  
felt a certain chill. But  
then again, it was a wet  
and chilly night.

That Alice Flagg lived  
and died in this area is a

fact. The grave of her brother and some of her family is there to be visit-  
ed right beside her. Even well after 100 years, Alice hasn't been forgot-  
ten. Hers is the most visited gravesite in the cemetery and maybe in coastal  
South Carolina. It seems that Alice achieved fame and immortality not by  
her works while living but through legend. And her fifteen minutes of fame  
continues.

You can read about Alice Flagg in "The National Directory of Haunted  
Places" by Dennis Hauck and in a book by Nancy Rhine titled "Alice  
Flagg." All Saints' Episcopal Church Waccamaw is listed in the National  
Register of Historic Places. If you decide to visit the cemetery, remember  
to be respectful of where you are; and take a flower for Alice.



# U.S. Department of State seeks CCU applicants

By Bart Collins  
for The Chanticleer

Pamela Corey-Archer, Diplomat in Residence at the University of North Carolina, came to Coastal Carolina on Monday, Oct. 13, to discuss the vast opportunities available with the U.S. Department of State. During the hour long seminar at the Wall College, Corey-Archer informed students of the hiring boom that the State Department currently has in place. This year, 1,500 applicants will receive jobs at post throughout the world. The State Department also awards internships to qualified students who strive to set themselves apart in today's competitive employment environment.

Corey-Archer stressed the importance of the looming application deadline for summer internships. Students who wish to be considered for one of these prestigious internships need to apply by Nov 1. Interested students should go to [www.careers.state.gov](http://www.careers.state.gov) and click on the "Student Programs" icon located

under, "Assignment: Which career is right for you." This detailed web site contains all the information that a student would need to answer questions concerning the State Department.

Although internships are incredibly valuable, actually obtaining a job is a possibility as well. This year the State Department will hire 500 people to work in foreign services, 500 people to work in civil services and 500 specialist will be hired as well. Due to the overload of applications to work as political officers, Corey-Archer encouraged the students at the seminar to pursue interest in foreign services. In particular, anyone interested working in a management capacity was directed to looking into the possibility of working as a management officer.

The 22-year veteran of foreign services stated, "Management officers come in all shapes and sizes; we will train you to be one."

Students curious about whether they have what it takes or not were asked to go the web

site and click on "Foreign Service Officer" located above the "Student Programs" icon. Once there, anyone interested should click on the "Is foreign service right for you?" icon. This 40 question test helps people decide if this might be the life for them or not. Students may also go by the Career Services office in the Price Building.

Anyone working for the State Department would be acting as the President's diplomatic arm around the world providing services in such matters as human rights issues. A thorough understanding of how our government works is essential for this career.

Corey-Archer instructed audience members interested in a career in government to, "go back to your high school history, civics and government books and go over the basics of American government. You will be representing the United States of America and you will need to know all there is to know about the United States of America."

The diplomat stressed the importance of application deadlines for student internships.

The deadlines are important due to the issuance of a security clearance.

A security clearance is required for all positions in the State Department. Many students worry that some past indiscretion would automatically keep them from being issued a security clearance. Corey-Archer urged students not to jump to any conclusions concerning such assumptions. The diplomat communicated that the State Department is more concerned with honesty than with what minor infraction a person may or may not have committed in the past. Once again, Corey-Archer invited anyone interested to visit the web site to learn more about careers in the foreign services.

"The best way a person can really find out if this is right for them," the diplomat stated, "is to get one of these internships and find out for themselves."

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- ♦ Students must have their login ID and PIN in order to register via WebAdvisor. These are available at [my.coastal.edu](http://my.coastal.edu) under the heading "WebAdvisor for Students". Look for the link titled "Forget your WebAdvisor ID or PIN?" These are also available in the Office of the Registrar (SNGL 108) or Information Technology Services (WALL 105) with proper photo identification.
  - ♦ Transfer students whose first term of enrollment was 2003 fall semester should check with the chair of their department after October 25 for registration eligibility.

**Students should contact the academic department of their major to set up an advisement appointment.**



# America, get ready for a mud fight

By Emerson H. Dyer  
staff writer

With roughly a year left until election time, the democratic candidates are well into their campaigns and gearing up for battle. The primaries are all but over (cough, cough ... Wesley Clark), and the winner will need the help of his party comrades as the 2004 election will come down to a matter of "mud-slinging" and he with the dirtiest trousers on election day loses. That being said, it seems almost inconceivable for Bush to come away with another four years. That is, unless his opponent(s) neglect the art of getting down and dirty.

There is not a realistic candidate (Clark, Dean, Edwards) that looks any worse than gorgeous Gore did in 2000 and it took a recount for Bush to win that one. But in retrospect, maybe a boring president would not have been such a bad thing considering the circus of an administration that we have now.

The United States were ripe for a chang-

ing of the guard at the time of the last election. Clinton took over for a Bush administration that failed to earn the approval of the people, and then proceeded to let his hormones kill his chances for re-election.

By next December, W. Bush will almost certainly have failed to earn an approval from the majority of the citizens in the majority of categories, considering all of the potential "mud" available to Clark & Co.

Beginning with the obvious, being taken to war under bogus accusations and a decade long beef with an oil tycoon in the Middle East, will be one of the muddiest balls in the Democratic-hopefuls arsenal. And changing the justifications after the fact from "They've got WMD" to "Well, they needed to be a democracy anyway" is not exactly kosher.

Michael Moore recently shed a national spotlight on some more mud in his Rolling Stone article "Bush of Arabia." Mr. Moore brought to our attention that an investment based relationship between the Bushes and the Bin Ladens. Call him crazy but he even

offers a semi-conspiracy theory along the lines of - Did Bush really want Osama since his father and Bin Ladens relatives have millions and millions invested together? Bush has taken the federal budget from a lofty surplus to an eye-popping deficit in less than four years, with only a 9/11 shield to hide behind. One can only imagine the economic state our country will see if he wins again. Leading economists such as Paul Krugman are predicting bankrupt-style budget numbers, assuming the current ratios continue, within the next 20 or 30 years.

Slightly less-than-fair tax breaks have been levied to the over privileged in an attempt to kick start our sluggish economy. It's a good theory but it's one that has been denounced even by the likes of Warren Buffet, who is one of the world's premier money manipulators.

And there are the environmental issues. Aside from raping Wyoming for its petroleum and urinating on the Clean Air Act, the Bush administration is currently taking aim on the National Environment Policy Act (NEPA). Any ecologist would tell you that

the time to start defending, not offending, the environment.

These potentials alone should be enough to knock the Texas terror right out of D.C. and back to where his kind belongs. I don't know exactly where that is but anywhere else would be more suitable. Maybe at a posh country club somewhere near a power plant and an oil rig.

It is sad that modern politics have come down to a matter of who has the most money and who can kick the most dirt onto the image of the opponent. You have to wonder what an average Joe without any conflicts of interest might be capable of. The American people deserve more, but you can't expect much more from the deteriorating state that is our fickle capitalist nation. Those who care about our country and its well-being can only hope that the Democratic candidates are gathering as many of these "mud pies" as possible and that they aren't afraid to get their hands dirty for a good cause in the time leading up to the election.

## THE LITTLEST EDITOR SPEAKS: THOUGHTS FROM JESSICA McMURRER

Music is one of the aspects of life that can determine a person's mood. The perfect song at just the right moment can make a terrible day a little bit better, can make a great day even better, answer all of life's questions or put into words the feelings that could otherwise not be expressed. And all of this is accomplished by some people playing a beat on an instrument or two and maybe a guy or gal or a group of guys or gals adding some lyrics to the beat of the instruments.

When I am looking for music to inspire me, to help me get through a bad day or to just plain rock out to, I do not tune my radio to the rock station, the country station, the Christian station or the pop station. I turn off the radio, and I put into my CD player "Forty Licks" by The Rolling Stones, first CD 1, and if I need more rock and soul, CD 2.

Maybe Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Charlie Watts and Ron Wood are British guys who wrote their most famous songs in the '60s and '70s, but there are few other

songs that have the ability to move me the way Stones songs do. If you are acquainted with the song stylings of Jagger and the boys, who are now old men, you know what I mean. And if the Rolling Stones are strangers to you, I suggest you continue reading and then drop everything for a trip to Wal-Mart to buy "Forty Licks" and discover for yourself why these guys have been called by many the greatest rockers of our time and continue to sell out shows four decades after they got started.

Have you ever felt like nothing is ever good enough for you, like nothing completely satisfies you? Or maybe you feel that nothing ever satisfies your parents or your professors. Well the Stones have been there too.

"(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction" is a song mostly about sex, a subject everyone has experienced a let down in at least once, but the song had to undergo some editing before Ed Sullivan would allow the group to perform it on his show. So many of the "girly action" lines were taken out and replaced

with "satisfaction." And so a song about not being able to get any play became an anthem for the unfulfilled in all aspects of life.

The Stones and the London Bach Choir, or as I like to call them, "the nuns," answered the question of how to deal with the lack of satisfaction with "You Can't Always Get What You Want." You have probably heard your mother tell you that "you can't always get what you want, but if you try sometime, yeah, you just might find you get what you need." Do you think she came up with this wise thought on her own? Nope, she learned it in her youth from the Rolling Stones. And few truer words have been spoken, or sung, in this case.

Let us look at some modern examples of not getting what you want, but instead getting what you need. That really hot girl at the party turned you down and said you two should just be friends, but as it turns out, her friendship is better for you and makes you happier than any amount of making out and groping. Your parents decide that they are

going to buy you a car (you lucky bastard). However, they cannot afford the stylish leather trimmed SUV that you have had your heart set on. What they can afford is the 1996 Honda Civic, but hey, it is a car with four wheels and it goes, and that is what you need. You want a Play Station II, but you have to save your money for food, which is something you need.

So when things do not seem to be going your way, and you do not seem to be getting anything you want, remember that maybe you are not supposed to get what you want, but instead you will get what you need.

Of course, there are so many other Stones songs that have deep meanings; 30-some others on "Forty Licks" alone, but there is simply not enough room here to discuss all of them. And so my final thoughts? "Goodbye Ruby Tuesday." Have a little "Sympathy for the Devil" and do yourself a favor too-go get that CD and let the Stones start you up.



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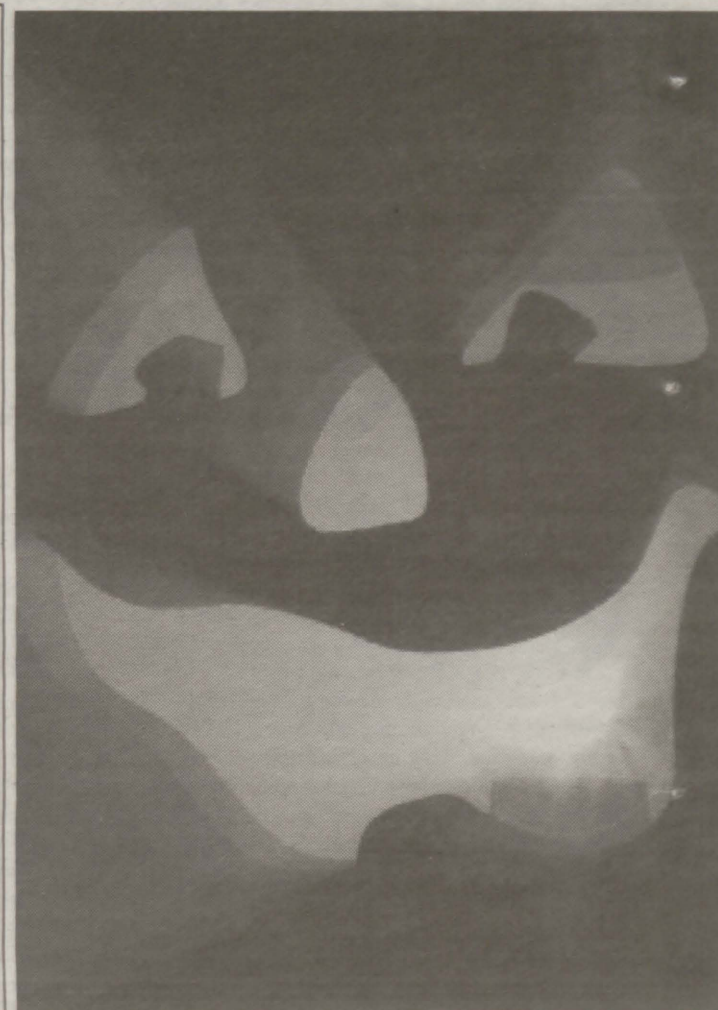


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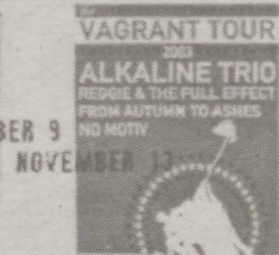
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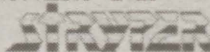


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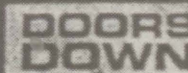
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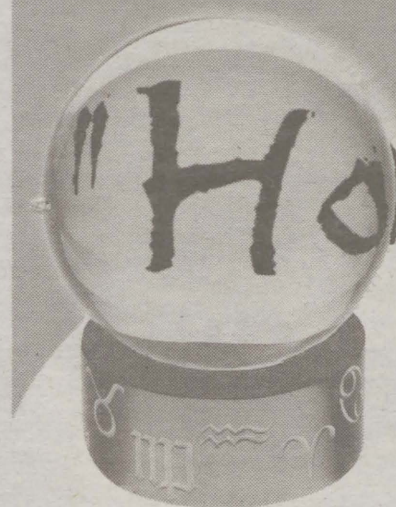
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By: Astrology Guru

**Scorpio**

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You've met someone new, Scorpio. Someone very intriguing and enticing. There is something mysterious about this new person that you can't quite put your finger on. You and your new love interest spend the night together, and it is then that you find out what has been so mys-

terious about this person, but it's too late. At the stroke of midnight your new lover

giant scorpion and eats you alive. Too bad.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 20):** Perhaps you recently found a new job, Sag. My advice? Quit now. You're working for Satan. If you don't get out while you can, you will spend the rest of your days shoveling coal in the fiery pits of Hell.

**Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan. 19):** Capricorn, I hear that you have been ghost hunting recently, but that you didn't find and haunting frights. You denounce the ghosts and their legends. I'm sorry you have done this because now you will be haunted for the rest of your life. Never piss off a ghost because after such nerve you will never sleep a wink. And what happens when you never

You die.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 17):** You've not always been into the spirit of Halloween, have you Aquarius? You don't seem to find the thrills that others do on this haunting night. The spirits are all around and have heard your words. Trust me with this...they will get you now.

**Pisces (Feb. 18-March 19):** You've had a hot fantasy for some time, Pisces. Tough luck-it never comes true.

**Aries (March 20-April 19):** While rearranging the furniture in your room there is a terrible accident. You've always wondered how you can get that information from the book to your brain and now you know. Only in this instance, you were crushed to death by your bookcase. Now you know.

**Taurus (April 20-May 19):** Have you noticed all of those potholes around campus, Taurus? You were on your way to class and tripped over one. The only thing is, you never came out of it. That's right-the ground opened up and swallowed you hole. How about them apples?

sleep?

**Gemini (May 20-June 20):** I had a dream last night Gemini. Would you like to know what happened? Your evil twin came to life, and then it took yours. Such is life...or death I suppose. Sorry.

**Cancer (June 21-July 21):** This Halloween, Cancer, you decided to dress as a werewolf. It seemed like a good idea at first, but when the night was over your costume seemed to have become a part of you. Take shelter during full moons, Cancer because from now on every night will be Halloween for you.

**Leo (July 22-Aug. 22):** Here's a clue Leo: the Great Pumpkin, in Brooks Stadium, with a goal post. It's not a pretty sight. I hope you run fast.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 21):** I see you at a Halloween party, Virgo. At this Halloween party there was also a piñata. The only problem is, after a few rounds of that witch's brew, you were mistaken by your friends as the piñata. That's right...they hung you from the ceiling and beat you. Better luck next time.

**Libra (Sept. 22-Oct. 22):** Remember that nightmare you had last night, Libra? It came true.

## Letter to the Editor: Some call me a witch

Many people call me a "witch" but I am Pagan; wiccan in particular and panentheistic (not pantheistic) more specifically. My specific affiliation (path) is not a matter for public discussion nor are the rites of that path.

Some who are called "witch" believe as I do-others do not-that is their privilege to seek their own path to the Divine. We come from all walks of life and possess all levels of education. We live in every town and we might just live next door. We go to school with you too. Some wear black all the time-most don't. I prefer purple or crimson for ritual but then, I was granted that privilege. I do not have a green face or a big wart on my nose. I never wear a pointy hat.

I believe in the single rule of life that I should do that which harms none, all else is mere commentary. This single rule is that I "should" do... not that I "must" do. So, while I should be kind to strangers (since being unkind might cause them mental anguish [harm])-I am not compelled to act by any rule of nature other than simple ethics to do so.

I do not worship (nor do I believe in) Satan or any other "dark God" and I do not have any "special powers" lest you count those which I was born able to develop. I do not believe that there is an absolute good and an absolute evil; there can therefore be no "good witch" or "bad witch." I do create "potions" from time-to-time; most often for the benefit of my health or to relieve a headache. I do not pray in rhyme, but I do ask for Divine intervention from time-to-time.

I understand the laws of physical and human nature as they apply to outcomes that I desire. Some people call that "magic" but to me it is just paying attention.

I do not dislike Christians, Muslims, Buddhists, Baptists or any other group of people who often dislike me (or what I believe). And I whole-heartedly defend their right to practice their faith freely; even when they sometimes wish to prohibit my exercise of faith.

We do celebrate a special holiday this month which begins on the eve of November (Oct. 31), but it has little in common with the western celebration of Halloween. For those interested, it is Samhain Eve and it is NEW YEARS!!!

This Halloween I will be dressed as a "witch"-or simply as myself. I will gather with some of like mind and as the Eve passes to Samhain Day we will reflect on the year behind us, remember those who have gone before us, and make our resolutions for the coming year.

On Samhain Eve we will raise a glass, share a loaf and welcome yet another year as we settle into the coming winter months. We are not all that scary; are we?

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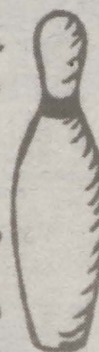


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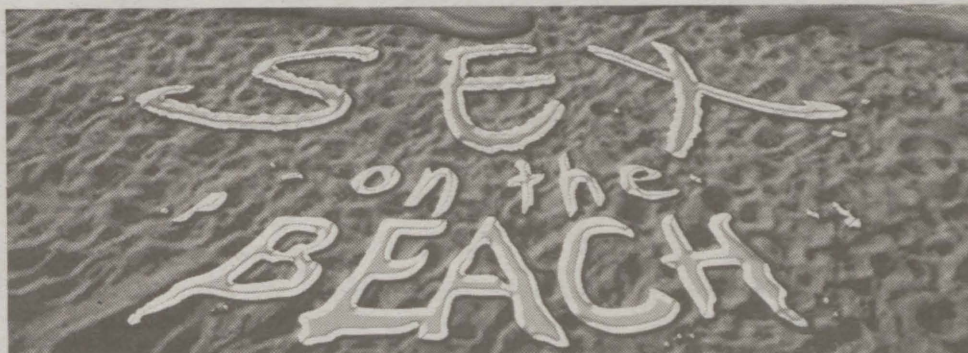
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Dear Lollita,

I have been dating this guy for nine months, I love him very much and we are talking about having sex for the first time. I have only had sex with one other person and I am nervous about sex with a new partner. How can I get over my fear and enjoy sex with him?

-Sexually Shy

Dear Shy,

The first time you have sex with a new person is always going to be a little awkward. There are a few things that can help to relax you and make you feel more sexual. Go slow; take time for cuddling and foreplay before you just begin with intercourse. Also, don't ever feel that because you started you have to finish. If you are not into it then know you can stop and either come back to it later or stop completely. According to sex therapist Anne Hooper, if you think of love making as a whole body experience instead of a genital stimulation you will feel sexier and climax will be easier to reach. Just keep in mind that sex with someone you love should be comfortable and enjoyable; if for some reason it is not maybe more time is what you need.

Dear Lollita,

My girlfriend saw this thing on T.V. and now wants to try "furry" sex. I am a little skeptical about dressing up in animal costumes during sex. I have seen stuff on this too, but to actually participate in it is just weird. Is there a compromise that would satisfy her fantasies without freaking me out?

-Freaked about Furies

Dear Freaked,

Before the fur starts flying maybe you should talk to your girlfriend about how you feel. If you are really that horrified with this idea then you should ask her if there is a compromise that would meet both of your needs. Maybe for example you could incorporate costumes during sex, just not animal ones. See if the idea of dressing up as something else, like a nurse or a maid, would suit her fantasy just as well. To most people that want to bring fur in to the bedroom it is more then just a fantasy. To them it is a way for them to illustrate their feelings or who they really are. If you truly care about your girlfriend you should be careful not to hurt her feelings or put down something she wants to try. It is okay to tell her you do not want to do it but be careful that you do not make her feel like she is weird for wanting to.



Lollita is not a licensed doctor or psychiatrist, although she is a licensed driver. She is just a single, hot, funny and knowledgeable girl that gives advice on everyone's favorite topic for free. So if you have a serious problem go see a doctor. If the material in this column offends you, avert your eyes. To reach Lollita, letters may be dropped off in The Chanticleer box in the Student Activities office or in the drop box outside The Chanticleer office located in room 206 of the Student Center. You can also email Lollita at [chanticleer@coastal.edu](mailto:chanticleer@coastal.edu).

## CD Review: "Room on Fire" The Strokes

By Emerson H. Dyer

staff writer

Following a masterpiece with a masterpiece is surely a daunting task. What was da Vinci's next work after the Mona Lisa? What was Emerson's follow up to Self Reliance? What film did Fellini write after "8 1/2"? Or the person who invented the wheel, what did that person come up with next?

Unless you're a fanatic of one of the aforementioned geniuses, you probably don't know.

So it's no surprise that the Strokes' follow up to their 2001 rock and roll masterpiece "Is This It?" will not be one that future generations will rave about, or even remember.

Not that their sophomore set, "Room On Fire" is a flop; on the contrary, it's more of the same urban, fast-driving, nervous energy rock that we heard from the New York City 20-somethings two years ago.

It is more of what made them famous, more of that heavily addictive sound, more of what their loyal audience has come to love.

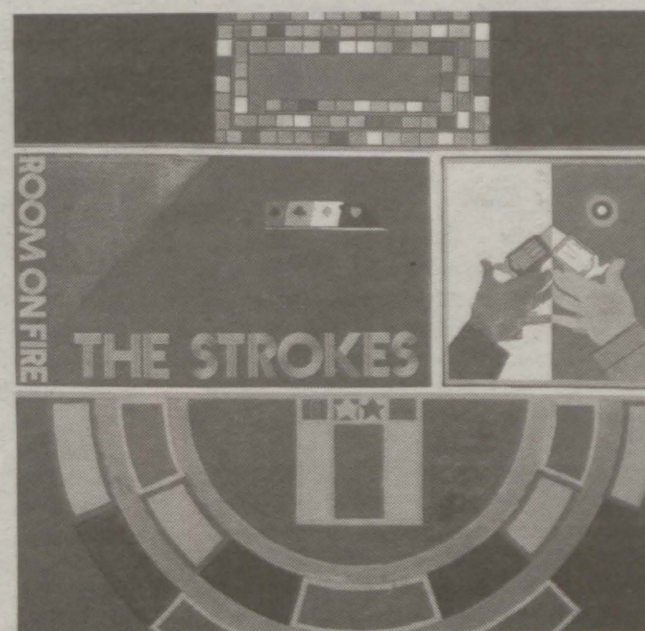
It is true that "R.O.F." bears striking resemblances to their first release, but it is also trying to move slowly from the niche that the band has carved for itself.

Both albums clock in at around a half an hour, but there are more hooks in the new half-hour. There is still that layer of sound (two guitars, bass, drums, vocals) but now the layer is more relaxed. And why shouldn't it be? It's coming from one of the most hyped bands in the world.

The band has seemingly updated its style a little more towards the new age of rock. The first single "12:51" stands as the case-in-point as guitarist Nick Valensi produces a synthesizer-esque sound similar to that of Rooney. Along with "12:51," the other key tracks go by names of "Meet Me In the Bathroom," "Reptilia," "Under Control," "The End Has No End" and "I Can't Win."

"Meet Me In The Bathroom" is the standout of the album, a feel-good, semi-perverse (though you won't sense that when listening to it), single-worthy track. "Reptilia" and "Under Control" represent the glimpse of what the band is capable. They are both the most mellow songs that have come out of the band. "The End Has No End," besides the catchy title, sees the Strokes paying tribute to a post-80s goddess. And the disc's final track "I Can't Win" is the perfect farewell song to all the fans.

With all the new solos and hooks, "R.O.F." is surely one of the best albums of this half of 2003, but if the Strokes want to be something more than "just the band that saved rock and roll," they will have to experiment a little more. In the past, they drew comparisons to Lou Reed and the Velvet Underground. They've got a long way to go to reach Warhol's VU stature. But don't count them out. Remember, the follow up to a masterpiece is not easy.







by James W. Moody  
for *The Chanticleer*

Well off the beaten path of Pawley's Island are unexplainable events that would go unnoticed, until now.

Ancient energies and ghosts are understood themes of the South Carolina coastline; there are countless stories and close-calls that people boastfully brag about whenever the subject of ghosts arises. What about the witches; why don't we ever talk about the witches?

Well, there is one particular young woman who practices witchcraft; her name is DeLisa and she resides down a twisting dirt road near the Pawleys Island creek side.

Witchcraft is properly known as "Wicca" and the witches who perform these spells and enchantments are spoken of as "Wiccan." There are two variations to how Wiccans perform magic; they can either be in a coven or work solitarily. DeLisa prefers to work alone; although that does not excuse the fact she has been asked to take the apex position in a coven, known as the "High Priest."

She is the epitome of what could be perceived as a contemporary witch. Her ice blue eyes can be intimidating on the basis of not knowing what she is thinking and her pitch black hair enhances the Wiccan appearance. DeLisa began practicing magic at eight-years-old. It came naturally to her, or as she states, "I was probably like this in a past life and it has just carried over."

By age 12, she started reading books and learned more about issues that she had already understood.

"I somehow already knew the workings instinctively, but would never talk about it because people just couldn't understand."

Her parents were devoted Southern Christians and would not have approved of her chosen path. DeLisa, however, is a kind-hearted person that practices a belief not eagerly accepted by society.

"I see [witchcraft] as a religion and the rituals that we practice are all nature based," DeLisa said.

The Religious context of Wiccans parallels and has many similarities with Christianity. And does this mean she believes in God? Yes, however, Wiccans see God a little differently than Christians do.

Contrary to the varying stereotypes of a witch, they do not worship the devil. DeLisa describes Satanists as "screwed up Christians that are rebelling against their own beliefs; Wicca is nature related, no devils..."

There is an abundance of energy coming from every object, since at an atomic level particles vibrate.

"Energy just is, but there is positive and negative," DeLisa said. "Negative energy can create and manifest things."

However, depending on the type of spell that is wanted to be cast, it is an absolute necessity to wait for the proper day, time and season, since the cycles of nature determine when the energies are correct. For instance, Fridays are controlled by the planet Venus, which in turn controls love and affection, but to cast this spell, the moon must be on the increase (new to full). And increasing moon is the cycle when abundant things may be performed, although when the moon is falling (full to wane), black magic can conjure negative works.

"Spells are basically prayer...modified prayer' it's fixed up because you use objects, like stones, herbs or anything natural," said DeLisa. "Witchcraft is a controversial topic and in this day and age people are really frightened, but it's because they don't understand."

Lastly, there is an ancient myth about witches flying on brooms that begs to be revealed. When people would drink the brews or potions that a witch prescribed, the herbal ingredients sometimes called for psychedelic mushrooms. After drinking the potion they would begin to hallucinate, and perceive the witch as flying on a broom, which is used to cleanse objects before casting a spell.

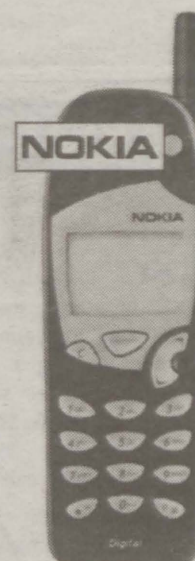
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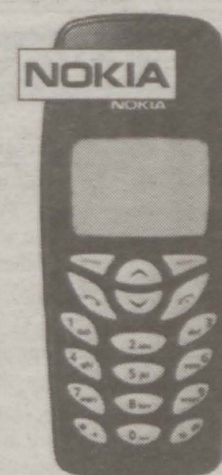
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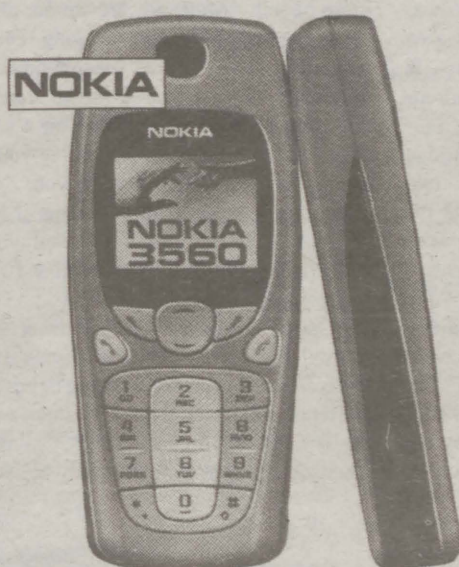
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## POINT: GHOSTS ARE REAL

By Carson Turner

staff writer

Who knows? Maybe there is no such thing as a ghost. Then again, don't you have to wonder how stories of ghosts and other such surreal beings keep popping up if there are no ghosts?

After all, this isn't the European Dark Ages when superstition and myth were taken as fact and reality—this is 21st century America and people from all walks of life still report seeing ghosts and experiencing other paranormal events.

Tales of ghosts have been around at least as long as we have recorded history and new tales continue to surface every day. Google returns over eight million pages on the search for "ghost." Clearly, more than a few folks out there believe.

Hamlet has a ghost and more than a few actors think he's real. Spencer and Poe wrote of ghosts. The International Ghost Hunters Society believes in ghosts. Here at home, who among us is prepared to not heed the warning of Myrtle Beach's own harbinger of hurricanes?

Have you ever had that feeling that you weren't quite alone—when you were? Have you seen movement out of the corner of your eye when you were the only one there? Have you heard strange footsteps and felt odd cold spots? Of course you have. Was that a ghost? Maybe it was.

We can mock our fear of ghosts with

celebrations like Halloween and through creation of movies both frightening and humorous. We can attempt to diminish our fear using the likes of Casper the Friendly Ghost. Were there no such thing as ghosts, there would be no need for mocking.

The naysayer will call it myth and superstition.

"There's a rational explanation..." he claims.

He'll tell us that "Only the foolish and children believe in ghosts."

And yet, in all these many years of recorded history, we still hear tales of ghosts and ghouls. Tales that the naysayer can't explain. No matter how advanced we become, ghost reports stay with us. Even with our great technology, science can not offer definitive proof that there are no ghosts.

Why? Because ghosts are really here!

## COUNTERPOINT: GHOSTS? I DON'T THINK SO

By Chauncey Smith

staff writer

"I see dead people."

Most people are familiar

with that line from "The Sixth Sense," but how many really buy into it? In a recent poll, 67 percent of respondents answered that they believe ghosts exist. Sure, some might like to imagine that there are spirits that still roam

the earth after their physical body has died, and people even go to great lengths to prove this true. But the fact

is, even to those who feel that they have had an experience with a ghost, the human mind is easily tricked by things as simple as low lighting or as complex as magnetic fields.

Recently a study was conducted by psychologists in the United Kingdom in which researchers took hundreds of volunteers into Hampton Court Palace, England, and the South Bridge Vaults in Edinburgh, Scotland, two notorious "haunted" sites. While the volunteers claimed that they were subjected to supernatural hauntings, the researchers maintained that the experiences were not due to ghosts, but rather the volunteers unconsciously responding to the fear caused by the environment around them. Plain and simple,

their senses deceived them.

This is all well and good, but there is a much better and simpler explanation for the argument against the existence of ghosts: when was the last time you saw one? For me, it has been a while, and even though the majority of people believe that ghosts exist, right now the most convincing appeal for the existence of the undead is simply word of mouth. It is a nice idea to think that you might run into your dead aunt Edna one night while she is floating around her former residence, but in the end, it is a proposition even more far fetched than that of Bigfoot and the Loch Ness Monster existing.

Moreover, if word of mouth accounts are the best appeal for the existence of ghosts, surely one has to take these stories with a grain of salt. After all, are we not all guilty of exaggerating certain exciting events in which we are involved? People do not want to believe they are scared for no reason. It is boring to tell someone that on a camping trip, you were close to evacuating your bowels because the wind startled you. On the other hand, spice it up by saying it was the spirit of a deceased Boy Scout, and you have got a freaky tale on your hand that is sure to impress your friends.

Once you stop and analyze the actual possibility of ghosts existing, it simply does not make sense. If you are going to believe in the existence of spirits, then you cannot write off Bigfoot, the Loch Ness, aliens, psychics or anything else that people blindly believe in.

## STAFF EDITORIAL:

## PUT IT ON MY PLASTIC, PLEASE

In this modern society of credit/debit card based purchasing, cash has become obsolete. Few students carry cash because paying with plastic is simpler and more convenient. At least at most places a card is simpler than cash. There are two places on campus where, sadly, even Visa is not accepted; they are the vending machine and the laundry room.

There is a cure to this dilemma on campus, your Student Identification Card. It already looks like a credit card and works like a credit card at the CINO Grille and The Commons. But it still will not get you a soda, a bag

of Combos or do your laundry.

All of this could change though, and a simple plan is provided here. An account on the I.D. cards similar to those established for the dining halls could be created especially for the vending machines. Students could vary the amount on their cards based on how much they would spend per semester. The amount could be from \$20-\$50, for instance.

This kind of use of the I.D. card is already present at many larger universities and is proven to be very useful and convenient for students without cash on hand and who need a small snack to keep

their stomachs from making those embarrassing hunger noises during classes between meals. Everyone has had the experience of really craving a candy bar or a soda, but it stays in the machine just out of your reach because the only money you have is one crumpled dollar bill that the machine will not accept. A vending machine that accepted your I.D. card would alleviate that problem.

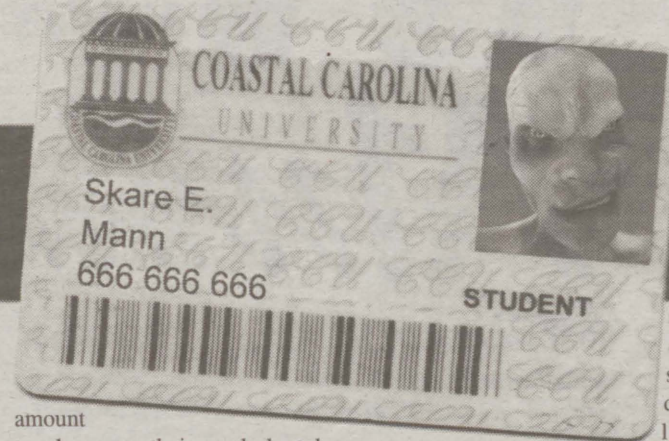
The same is true for the washers and dryers found in the dorms. An account separate from that of the vending machines could be established for doing laundry. Again, students could choose an

amount

to place on their cards based on how much they spend per semester on laundry. Such a system would rid students of saving their \$1 and \$5 bills to change into quarters on laundry day just to find out that the change machine does not work, or having to walk around Waccamaw and Santee Halls with enough quarters in a sock to knock a man unconscious. Even better, it would save a person the trip to the ATM just to take out a \$5 bill for laundry.

Of course, for this system to be

the proper machines are needed. Right now, the vending machines, washers and dryers are not complete with the means to accept an I.D. card. However, some simple purchases by the university could fix such a small problem. There are probably credit card adapter parts that could be added to the present machines, or new machines complete with such parts could be bought. It is not like new washers and dryers would not be appreciated greatly by those on campus anyway.



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By Daniel Nolan  
staff writer

Fans Till The End! At Duke University they have the Cameron Crazies who jump up and down the entire game. In Washington, the Redskins have beefy guys who wear dresses and pig snouts and call themselves the Hogettes. In Oakland, the Raiders have the Black Hole that consists of fans that paint themselves in the team colors of silver, black and white and yell combinations of profanities that Eric Cartman would shy away from. And in Philadelphia, the Eagles have rowdy fans that booed Santa Clause at a game and cheered while Dallas WR Michael Irvin was lying motionless on the field with what turned out to be a career-ending injury. All these teams share one thing in common that we at Coastal do not have: loyal fans who stay the whole game.

Coastal fans are passionate about their football. They love to

tailgate, they love to camp out for their tickets, dress up in their teal and slate, but they don't like to stay the whole game. The student body is out early every game day tailgating and celebrating Coastal's opening season. Then they show up just in time for the first quarter to fire up the Chants, but by half time the stadium clears out faster than a screening of Ben and J-Lo's next movie.

I am not saying that you have to be a face painted key-jinglier, but at least stay until the end of the game. Hang out awhile and see what happens. I know Coach Bennett and his boys love to play in front of a full stadium and nothing is more disheartening then seeing the stands clear out after you fall behind a few points. Even Arizona Cardinals fans don't leave until the fourth quarter; they even expect their team to get spanked. Part of playing at home is having

the advantage crowd on your side, so when everyone leaves we lose the close calls that a loud and obnoxious crowd can dig out of officials.

If you look at every team that's been good for a long period of time like the Hurricanes, the Fighting Irish, the Gamecocks, Bulldogs and the Wolverines,

## Stick around and shout

their crowd participation is a big part of the game. Come on, let's show some enthusiasm, especially the male students.

I don't mean to be sexist, but let's be honest, most crazed sports fans are men; it's our outlet. I know if there were no sports, men would be emotionless creatures. With sports we can see grown men get angry and cry when their team loses or practically have a dog pile when they win. You ask the average college male what he does on the weekend and I guarantee that

it has to do with watching sports, playing sports, or a sports video game (i.e. Madden 2004).

Sports and politics are the only two things that you can have a show that is dedicated to banter. That is interesting. You would never see a show where Bobby Flay and Emeril argue over best chili recipes on The Food Network.

However, on the all sports network people are constantly tuning into guys like Tony Kornheiser and Mike Wilbon, yakking about if it's ok to call Mike Piazza gay. Now that's great television!

All I am saying is just show the enthusiasm that makes you a college sports fan; be loud and crazy and show David Bennett and his boys the respect they deserve and wait to go to the post game party until after the game!

My \$0.02

Randy E- How did the Cubs not make it to the World Series?

Well, to answer that question you have to go back many, many years to a time when baseball was pure. Steroids haven't entered the picture, the DH was unheard of and Steve Bartman's parents hadn't done it yet. Man did that guy screw the Cubs!

Christy W- What do you think of the new morning show "Cold Pizza" on ESPN?

Is "Sucktacious" a word? Or what about "Craptacular"? That show blows. Whoever thought crossing "Regis and Kelly" with "Sports Center" was a good idea is a dope.

If you have a sports question Email Noland062000@yahoo.com, and if your question is used you win two cents.



## Lady Chants improve record during homestead

By Chauncey Smith  
staff writer

The Lady Chants soccer squad recently finished a five game homestand in which they won three games, lost one and tied one. CCU now has a record of 10-8-1 overall and 4-2-0 in the Big South.

The ladies got off on the right foot at home against Birmingham-Southern on Oct. 11 by snapping a three game losing streak. Coastal was shut out until the 64th minute, when sophomore forward Bobbie Parsons scored her eighth goal of the season. From that point, Coastal went on a quick scoring flurry. Senior Leah Barrett scored a goal two minutes later, and soon after, Parsons added in her ninth goal of the year, making the score 3-0. Parsons' ninth goal of the season set a new Lady Chants goal scoring record, and she sits only one point behind the Coastal single season point record, with 23. Birmingham-Southern eventually scored a late goal, but was unable to put anything else past senior goalkeeper Candice Doten, who registered two saves on the afternoon, as Coastal cruised to a 3-1 victory.

The Lady Chants' next match pitted them against UNC-Wilmington. The Seahawks already possessed a 3-0 record against Coastal, so the Lady Chants came into the match with something to prove. The match went scoreless for the first 60 minutes, until UNC-Wilmington scored a goal. Fifteen minutes later, sophomore forward Rachel

Devine connected on the tying goal. The final minutes of the match went scoreless, and the game moved into overtime at a 1-1 tie. The 10 minute overtime period remained at a deadlock until with just under a minute to play, the Seahawks' Ann Weaver connected on the game winner, giving UNC-Wilmington a 2-1 victory over Coastal, and dropping the Lady Chants' record to 8-8.



photo by Steven Lawrence/ staff photographer

From there, Coastal sought again to win their record-breaking ninth victory against College of Charleston. The squad got on the board early thanks to senior Leah Barrett's second goal in the last three games. The

Lady Chants held onto the lead until the 70th minute, when the Cougars fired the tying goal, evening the match at 1-1. Neither team was able to score again, and the game ended in a tie after 110 minutes. Coastal managed to outshoot the Cougars 17-13, and goalkeeping for the Lady Chants was split between the halves; Candice Doten played in the first half, and Jaclyn Stoll played the final half.

The one and only Coastal goal came from freshman Laura Weiter in the 33rd minute of play. Weiter's goal became the only goal of the game when Radford proved to be unable to get a ball past The Lady Chants' goalkeeper Candice Doten before the end of 90 minutes. The game concluded as a 1-0 victory for CCU.

On Oct. 26, the Lady Chants won their second win of the weekend by defeating High Point. Doten won her fifth shutout of the 2003 season, and in doing so, broke the single-season shutout record. She made four saves to help her teammates defeat the Panthers 3-0.

The opening goal of the game came at the three minute mark from senior Mary Jo Hajek. No other goals were scored in the first half, and the score stayed at 1-0 until play resumed in the second half.

Once more, after three minutes of play, a CCU goal was scored. This time it was junior Erin Blevins who put the ball past the High Point keeper with assistance from her teammates Kristen Fisher and Parsons. Thirteen minutes later Blevins repaid the favor by assisting Parsons in a goal that made the final score 3-0.

The soccer team will play its final regular season match on Nov. 1 at 3 p.m. at the home of Big South opponent Charleston Southern.

Coastal was pretty evenly matched with Radford when the two teams faced off at the CCU Soccer Stadium Oct. 24. CCU only outshot last year's Big South Conference champions by four shots.



## Coastal Carolina men's tennis team plays to win

By Aaron Milz  
staff writer

Coastal's men's tennis team is now finishing up the brief fall season of competition. The team, which has earned ITA All-Academic honors for two consecutive years, played well in the three-tournament season.

The Chanticleers' first outing was the UTC Baras Fall Classic in Tennessee. Freshman Darko Fridl advanced to the semifinals of the men's C singles, after winning three straight matches. He then lost 6-1, 6-2 to Tennessee Tech's Chris Lerch. Freshman Richard Redding also won two matches on that day.

The Chants then stayed home to host the Beach Volvo Invitational. Coastal racked up a total of 12 wins in the two-day tournament, including two victories in the finals. Coastal's Simon Taylor won the Flight B Singles Final, knocking off High Point's Jack Notton in the morning match.

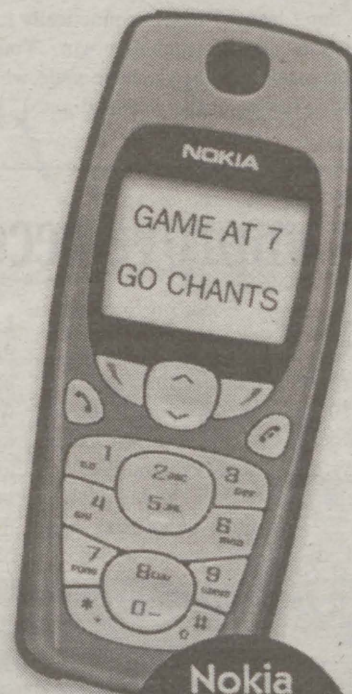
In the backdraw finals of the Flight B singles, sophomore Florentien Meynie added another

notch to the Chants' wins in the finals by defeating UNCW's Scott Curry 6-4, 6-4. Coastal's doubles combination of Adam Adler and Darko Fridl also defeated the bi-school combination of Carl Hocker (Citadel) and John Martin (UNCW), 8-4.

Coastal was then on the road again to compete in the USC invitational. Coastal also tallied two finals victories in this invitational. Meynie took the Flight B singles title with the 6-4, 0-6, 6-2 defeat of Hampton's Fernando Uehara. Fridl also knocked off USC-Spartanburg's Lennart Lepner to win the B-2 singles crown with 6-3, 6-0 score. The doubles team of Fridl and Taylor advanced to the semifinals of the B Doubles before being defeated.

Coastal traveled to the Rolex Tournament in Chapel Hill, N.C. this past week, but the results were not in at time of press.

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By David Wetzel/staff writer

Rett Johnson was just any other guy growing up in a small town. Now the Aynor, S.C. native and former Coastal Carolina pitcher is on verge of pitching in front of more than 40,000 fans at Safeco Field for the Seattle Mariners next season. After setting Coastal single-season records in innings pitched (133.1) and strikeouts (151) in his junior season, Johnson was selected by the Mariners in the 8th round of the 2000 Major League Baseball amateur draft.

All of this sudden success came as a surprise to him.

"My freshman and sophomore year it was like nobody even knew my name," said Johnson. "In my junior year I had a really good season and started getting a bunch of letters. I probably got 28 different letters."

Mariners scout Craig Bell signed Johnson and his professional career began for the Everett Aqua Sox where he held opponents to a .198 batting average and was named as the team's co-MVP by the Mariners organization. This was his first stop in minor league play, which later included stops at Wisconsin, San Bernardino, San Antonio and most recently, Tacoma.

"The minors are tough," said Johnson. "It's the same thing everyday; stay up all night and sleep all day. It gets repetitive and you don't get paid that much. You work 60 hours a week and get paid less than minimum wage. If you want to make any money you have to get to the big leagues."

Johnson came within two days of pitching in a Mariners uniform this year. He was called up to the Major League club on Aug. 30, but was placed on the disabled list on the first of September with a minor shoulder injury.

"It's just an arthritic cyst in my shoulder," said Johnson. "They put me on Celebrex for a month and physical therapy to get the muscle strong around it. In September I would have been playing, but they sent me home."

Johnson's pitching repertoire includes a 90-93 MPH sinking fastball, a hooking slider, a recently added cutter, which evolved from the slider and a circle change-up. The change-up has been subject to scrutiny and he has been working on it.

"That's my whole key point since I've been there: to improve my change-up," said Johnson. "This year I threw it more than I had the whole time [in the minors] and worked pretty good."

Johnson's pitching style

has often been compared to Derek Lowe of the Boston Red Sox. Lowe started as a closer and is now a top-notch starting pitcher. Johnson has the velocity to be a closer and enough quality pitches to be a starter, but it's still uncertain whether he's destined for the rotation or the bullpen.

"They told me at one time that I wasn't going to be a starter for the Mariners," said Johnson. "But now, next year I'll be battling for the fifth spot. I don't care where they put me as long as I'm up there."

He is projected to be in competition with Tacoma teammate and Mariner's top pitching prospect Clint Nageotte for the fifth spot in the pitching rotation in spring training for 2004.

Johnson credits the Coastal Carolina baseball program and especially pitching coach Bill Jarman for much of his success.

"If it hadn't been for our college coaches, I wouldn't have learned anything," said Johnson.

"Our pitching coach taught me all kinds of stuff about mechanics, muscle memory and all that kind of stuff."

Johnson still resides in Aynor and comes home for the summer. He has learned that being a professional baseball player requires many adjustments, even off the playing field. The constant travel and distance from loved ones can be tough at times.

"The first two weeks is always the hardest and also the last two weeks," said Johnson.

currently in the lower minors for various clubs. Johnson has found it difficult to stay in touch with former teammates due to distance and such busy schedules.

"I talk to [Scott] Sturkie every now and then, but not that much," said Johnson. "He's over here (Kinston, NC in the Cleveland Indians organization) and I'm way over there. I don't get to talk to them much really."

Johnson knows he has a few obstacles to overcome to be a Major League pitcher, but he is getting healthy and knows what to expect in spring training in 2004.

"First of all, I have to get my shoulder healthy," said Johnson. "And when I get back over there I need to throw strikes consistently. I don't even try to strike people out anymore. I just try to get [hitters] to put it in play in the first three pitches so I can keep my pitch count low. In spring training you never know what might happen."

## GET RETT-Y 'CAUSE HERE HE COMES:

### *Rett Johnson in the bigs*

"Once I get up there and get settled in, it's alright, but as soon as I get ready to go home I get homesick a little. You just have to adjust to it."

Johnson is likely to be the fifth player, first pitcher, from Coastal to make the Major Leagues. Several other players from Coastal are





## Revenge helps brighten cloudy days

By Ddavid Wetzel  
staff writer

The Coastal Carolina volleyball team (14-9, 5-2 BSC) got revenge on its biggest rival, Winthrop, with a 4-game win on Oct. 25. Coastal dropped the first game 30-28 before taking the next three 30-19, 30-23 and 30-26.

"It's huge because Winthrop is one of our biggest rivals," said sophomore Jennifer Hampton, who had a season-high 63 assists. "The last two years they've kept us from going to the NCAA tournament."

The Lady Chants turned it on at the conclusion of the first game. Trailing 29-21 and sophomore Krista Kimble serving, Coastal rallied with 7 straight points before being defeated.

"It seems sometimes that we start off really slow and then we pick it up at the end," said Kimble, who led the team with five blocks. "The momentum from that game carried us into the next game."

Senior Carly Draudt and assistant coach Katie Knutson would have wanted it this way. They were hospitalized on Oct. 14 when their personal watercraft crashed into trees. Draudt remains in a coma at the Grand Strand Medical Center while Knutson was flown home to Canada to receive physical therapy. This was a game they were looking forward to so the team tried to include them as much as possible.

"We all wear blue shoelaces and have their initials written on our ankle braces," said sophomore Sarah Schleifer. "We all

have them in our hearts and know they want to be in there so we wanted to win to be able to go back and tell them that we did."

Freshman Alicia Meyers has been the primary player to fill the void with the absence of Draudt, but freshmen Laura Obert and Ashley Scheible, and Schleifer have also had to step up to bigger roles.

"It's a shame that this is the reason why we have to step in, but I think we're all ready for it now," said Schleifer.

Meyers had a double-double with 12 kills and 16 digs while senior Sarah Bennett and sophomore Katherine Jensen had 21 kills each.

Playing with heavy hearts makes it difficult to stay focused, but the Chants have

responded to a 2-game losing streak, which occurred just days after the crash, with two straight wins over quality opponents. Coastal dropped the University of Central Florida to 15-5 in a 4-game win just a day before.

"Before the games we think about [Draudt and Knutson] and after the games we think about them again," said Hampton. "Coach wants us to just focus on the game while it's on."

The team stays close to Draudt and in contact with Knutson as much as possible still.

"The girls on the team try to go down as much as we can," said Kimble. "I know the whole team is praying for them. They are doing better and improving a lot."

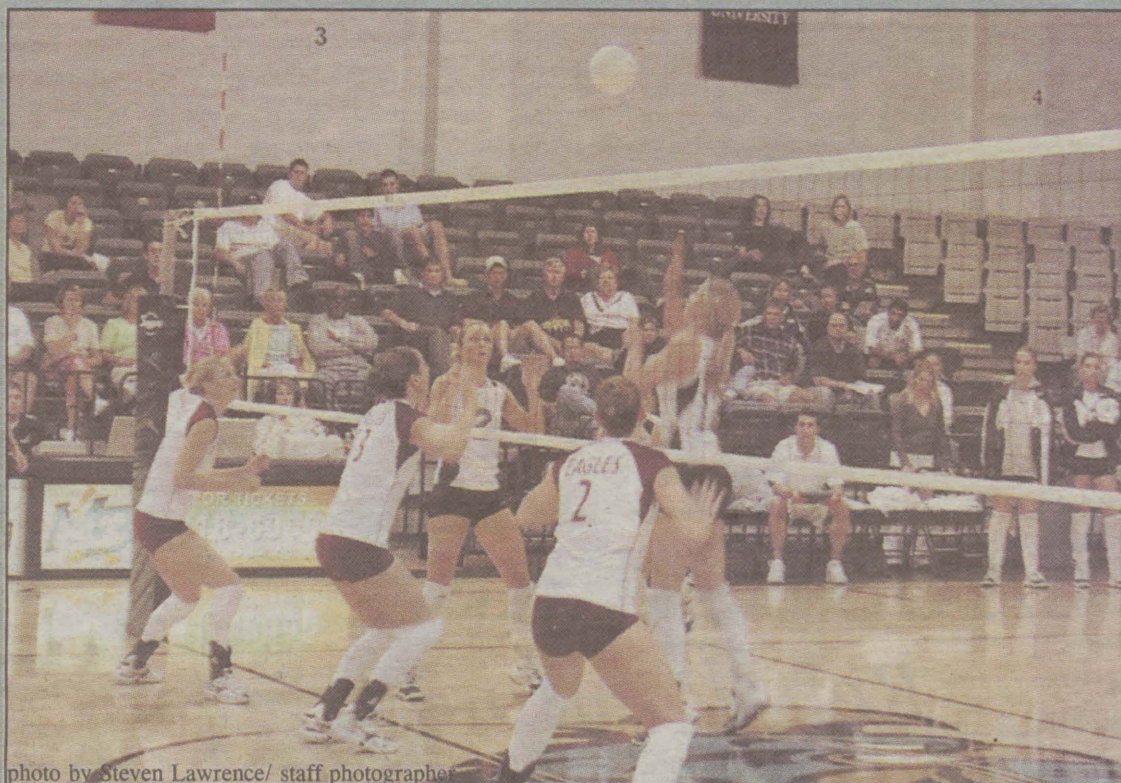


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##### MEN'S SOCCER

Saturday, Nov. 9 vs. Birmingham-Southern 7 p.m.